Sewer Laterals and Tree Roots

Public Works Department
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“So How Do You Get Rid of Roots?”
Sewer Laterals

*Property Owner is responsible for maintenance and repair of the lateral in both the public and private portions.*
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- Repair/Replace Existing Damaged Pipes
  - Slip-line Method
  - Remove Sections and Replace with:
    - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe
    - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe
    - Use Rubber Gaskets (Typical for new pipe installations)

- Implement a Maintenance Program
  - Schedule regular routine line cleaning
  - Utilize the proper cleaning equipment (mechanical and/or chemical)
  - CCTV inspections in order to verify the line cleaning efforts