

**Columbia County  
Sanitary Sewer Overflow Policy**

“When it is determined that a problem in the County’s sanitary sewer system causes sewage from the County sewer lines to backup into a private dwelling, the County, at its own expense and upon securing a policy acknowledgement and permission form signed by the property owner, shall have a vendor enter the dwelling for the sole purpose of cleaning up the sewage overflow, and mitigate any further damage caused by the event. The County shall employ the services of an independent adjuster for the purpose of establishing the extent and cost for any damage to the dwelling and/or personal property. The Director of the Water Works or his designated representative shall be authorized, upon receipt of the report from the independent adjuster, to offer the resident a payment for the actual cash value of the damages not to exceed \$2,000.”

**Property Owner**

I have been advised and understand that:

- Columbia County admits no responsibility or liability.
- Columbia County will pay the contractor called by the county for emergency cleanup. (Note: Emergency cleanup includes extraction of contaminants and sanitizing the area. Replacement of items or material which must be removed during this process is considered property damage and included in the maximum payment limits below.)
- Columbia County will engage and pay for the services of an independent property appraiser.
- Columbia County will pay the actual cash value of property damages up to a maximum of \$2,000 based on the independent appraiser’s estimate.
- Temporary hotel accommodations, if necessary, are available.

By signing below, the property owner acknowledges that he/she has been advised of the above items and gives permission for county employees and/or the selected contractor to enter the property and proceed with the items outlined above.

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Witness

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Property Owner Printed Name

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Witness

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Co-Owner Printed Name

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Date

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Signature