



City of Fort Oglethorpe
Public Utilities Department

Keeping your cleanout pipe capped is an important part of maintaining your personal service lines and protecting the system as a whole. But first, we want to make sure you know what a cleanout cap is, if missing or damaged, why this simple replacement is an important part of preserving the wastewater system, and how to install a replacement cleanout cap yourself if you choose to.

What is a Cleanout Cap?

A cleanout is a vertical pipe connected to the underground wastewater line. They are typically located near the home and close to the property line. It has a removable cap for ease of maintenance access. It's important to know the location of your cleanout in case you or your plumber need quick access to the wastewater system.

Why Replace a Damaged or Missing Cap?

- To **PREVENT** rainwater from entering the wastewater system as costs increase with the amount of wastewater that has to be treated.
- To **KEEP** debris out of the service lines which can cause blockages and lead to backups in your home.
- To **HELP** prolong the life of the wastewater system which can save money from costly repairs.
- To **PREVENT** rodents and small animals from entering the wastewater system and your home.