



# THE CARN'S CHRONICLE

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## Approval of Schedule 40 PVC Pipe

Dear Supporters,

An action by this Commission last week will benefit homeowners connecting to the County's sewer system or repairing their old connection. On May 6th, 2008 the Commission passed a resolution adopting updated specifications for sewer pipes and connections.

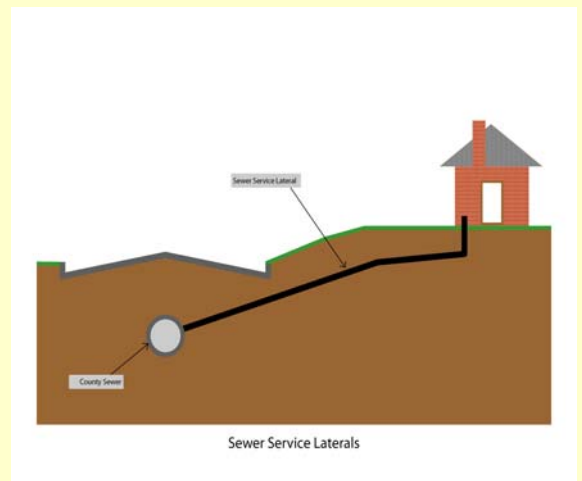
This revision allows for Schedule 40 PVC pipe as an approved material/product for sanitary sewer service lines, while establishing material and installation specifications in accordance with established ASTM and manufacturer's standards. Builders and homeowners now have a third option when choosing a material for the installation or repair of a sanitary sewer service lateral. Those options include ductile iron pipe (DIP), C-900 PVC pipe, and Schedule 40 PVC pipe.

This issue was brought to me by homebuilders concerned about escalating building costs. Engineers in the County's Environmental Services Department and on our Product Review Committee worked together to find a reasonable solution to the past connection and installation problems. To ensure quality installations and protect homeowners from pipe failure, the updated specifications cover construction methods and testing requirements. The pipe must be installed to manufacturer's recommendations, industry standards, and in accordance with the amended Standard Specifications for Sanitary Sewer Service Lines and Connections.

Homeowners and builders will now have more flexibility in choosing a pipe material that fits the unique needs of each home site. Approving Schedule 40 PVC pipe is a small, but a significant, step in our effort to improve the County government.

Sincerely,  
Jim Carns

### Schedule 40 PVC Pipe



**Sewer Service Laterals Connect Buildings to the County Sewer**

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