

## [How To Remove Tree Roots From Your Plumbing Without Replacing The Pipes](#)

You open the back door... the stench hits you, your guests are just arriving, it's Sunday afternoon and sewerage is overflowing in your back yard? Sound familiar? Chances are you have tree roots in your sewer line, a reoccurring problem you can do without

Do you have a tree root problem in your sewer drain? Like thousands of households, tree roots in your drain are a constant problem we can all do without. Blocked drains whether it's a blocked sewer line or a blocked storm water pipe can be one of the most frustrating and inconvenient not to mention one of the most costly plumbing problems you can have at your home.

Unfortunately tree roots in the sewer line are an indication of damaged plumbing pipes and become an ongoing problem you could do without.

The only permanent solution is complete replacement of your old earthenware plumbing pipes with new PVC plumbing pipes, but if you don't want to go to all the trouble and expense of replacing you old sewer pipes, calling a plumber has several cost effective options to keep your sewer line clear and free flowing.

Traditionally the use of the good old plunger and the electric eel were the weapons of choice in the constant fight against tree roots over powering your sewer line, that was until now.

Regular maintenance using high pressure water blasters are the latest technology in combating all but the most severe tree root blockage found most commonly in house hold drains.

The advent of drain cameras have added a new dimension to drain cleaning and have been a god sent to the plumbing professional and home owner alike. This piece of high-tec equipment is used to take all of the guess work out of drain cleaning.

Every nook and cranny can be thoroughly explored using CCTV and a complete video diagnosis can be supplied to determine the best course of action required, not only that pipe tracing equipment can be used to locate the camera head and find the exact location and cause of the blocked sewer pipe.

The latest technology on the market in the fight to control tree roots are chemical tree root control treatments like Sanafoam Vaporooter II. A cost effective and EPA approved sewer root treatment now provided by most reputable plumbers.

As you may know, once tree roots enter your sewer line they become an ongoing problem you can do with out. The tree roots grow, cause a blockage and you need to call a plumber to water jet or electric eel your sewer line.

This will clear some or all of the roots, depending on the technique used and the quality of the workmanship. However, like pruning a tree, the very action of clearing the sewer promotes the regrowth of the roots, but this time thicker and more aggressive just like those hedges people work so hard on to thicken up. The cycle of cut, regrow and cut begins and soon you are caught up in a costly sewer trap.

Each time you have your sewer cleared, the period of time before the sewer blocks again is lessened, even worse the roots you cut remain in the pipe wall and with each sewer clearance the roots get thicker, further cracking the pipes open allowing more roots into the pipe and allowing raw sewage to enter our waterways.

Sanafoam Vaporooter II is used by hundreds of Sewer Authorities in Australia and around the world to control sewer root growth.

Vaporooter is a combination of herbicides that are placed as a foam in your sewer line for the purpose of eliminating tree roots and preventing further destruction of sewer pipes caused by live tree roots. Only tree roots within the pipe and a short distance outside the pipe are affected. Trees and shrubs above the pipe are not affected.

We recommend that Vaporooter be applied to your sewer 6-8 weeks after your sewer lines have been water jetted or electric-eeled, to allow the tree roots to regrow enough to effectively treat the offending roots.

Further treatment should be scheduled annually for the most cost-effective control. This will eliminate any further need to water jet or electric eel your sewer line and guarantee that your sewer will not re-block due to live tree root growth!

A preventative maintenance program using Sanafoam Vaporooter II will combat the inconvenience of tree root blockages and raw sewage overflows that usually occur at the most unexpected times, like on weekends, the family BBQ or even Christmas day! As you know this results in costly emergency call outs and your family being exposed to raw sewage overflow.

The product guarantees if your drain blocks within 12 months of treatment, your plumber will clear the blockage and camera the drain if required, to determine the cause of the blockage. If the blockage is caused by live tree roots they will re-treat the line. The call out, blockage clearance and the re-treatment will be free of charge.

The roots you cut last year are the same roots you will cut this year and next year as well.

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