

# From Street to Sink: Water System Responsibility

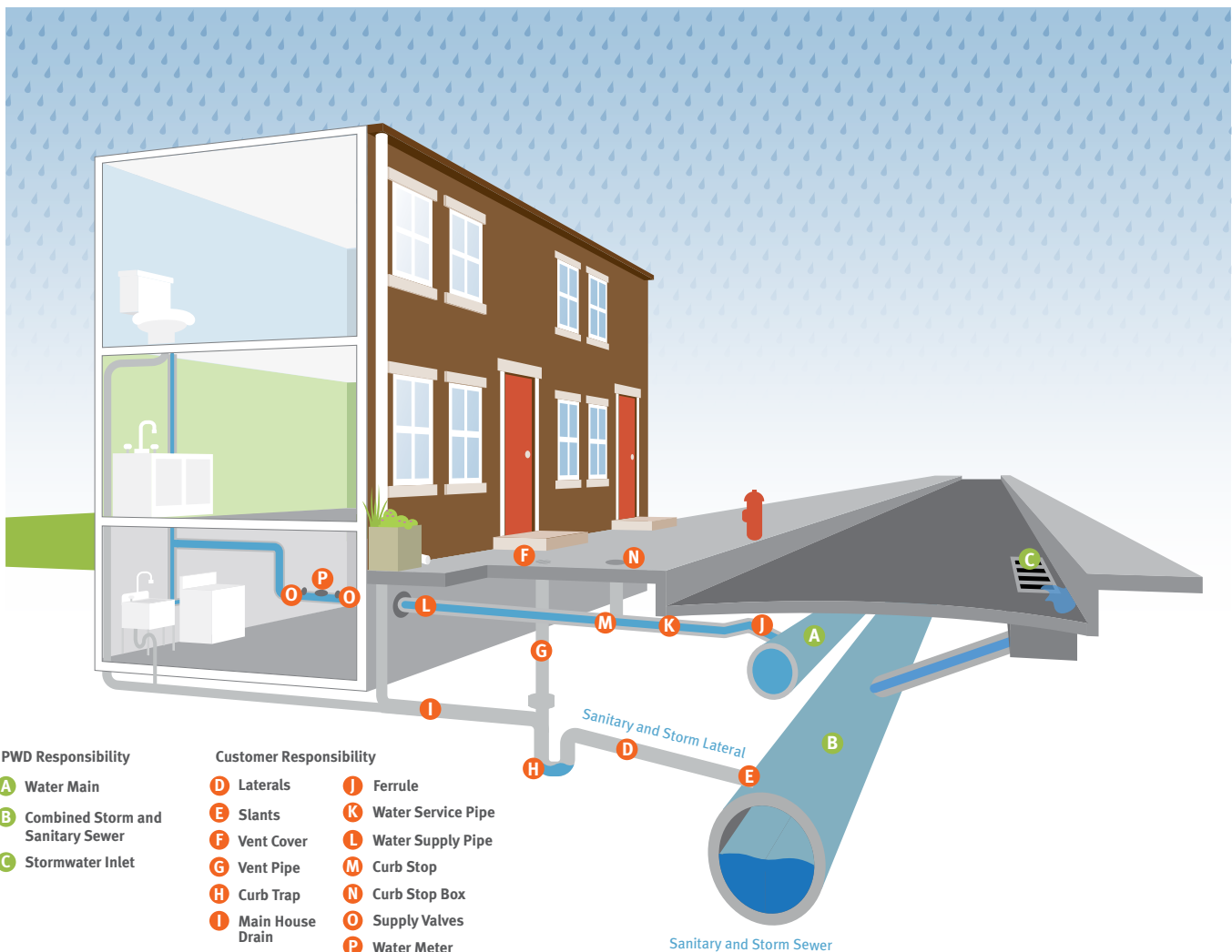
## Customer Responsibility in a Combined Sewer Area

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This includes:

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- **Curb Stop (M):** Valves used to turn water on/off to the property.
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- **Curb Stop Box (N):** Cover to protect the curb stop valve.
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Combined Sewer System

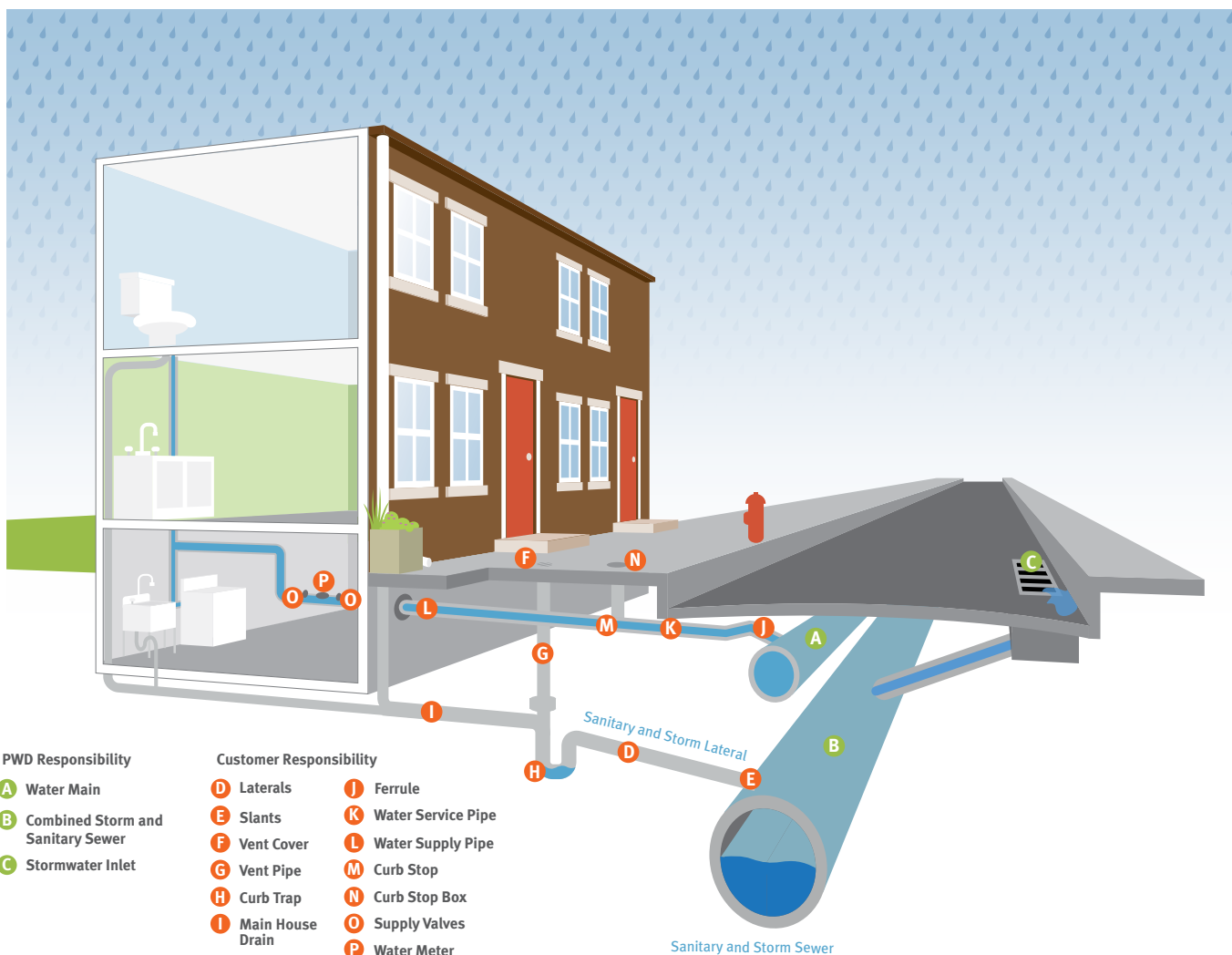


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- **Vent Cover (F):** Plate that covers the vent pipe.
- **Vent Pipe (G):** Also known as Fresh Air Inlet (FAI).
- **Main House Drain (I):** Piping that collects the waste and empties to the lateral.
- **Curb Trap (H):** Portion of pipe that traps sewer gases from entering property.
- **Lateral (D):** Piping connecting house drain to public sewer.
- **Slant (E):** Also known as Tap. The connection between the sewer and the lateral.

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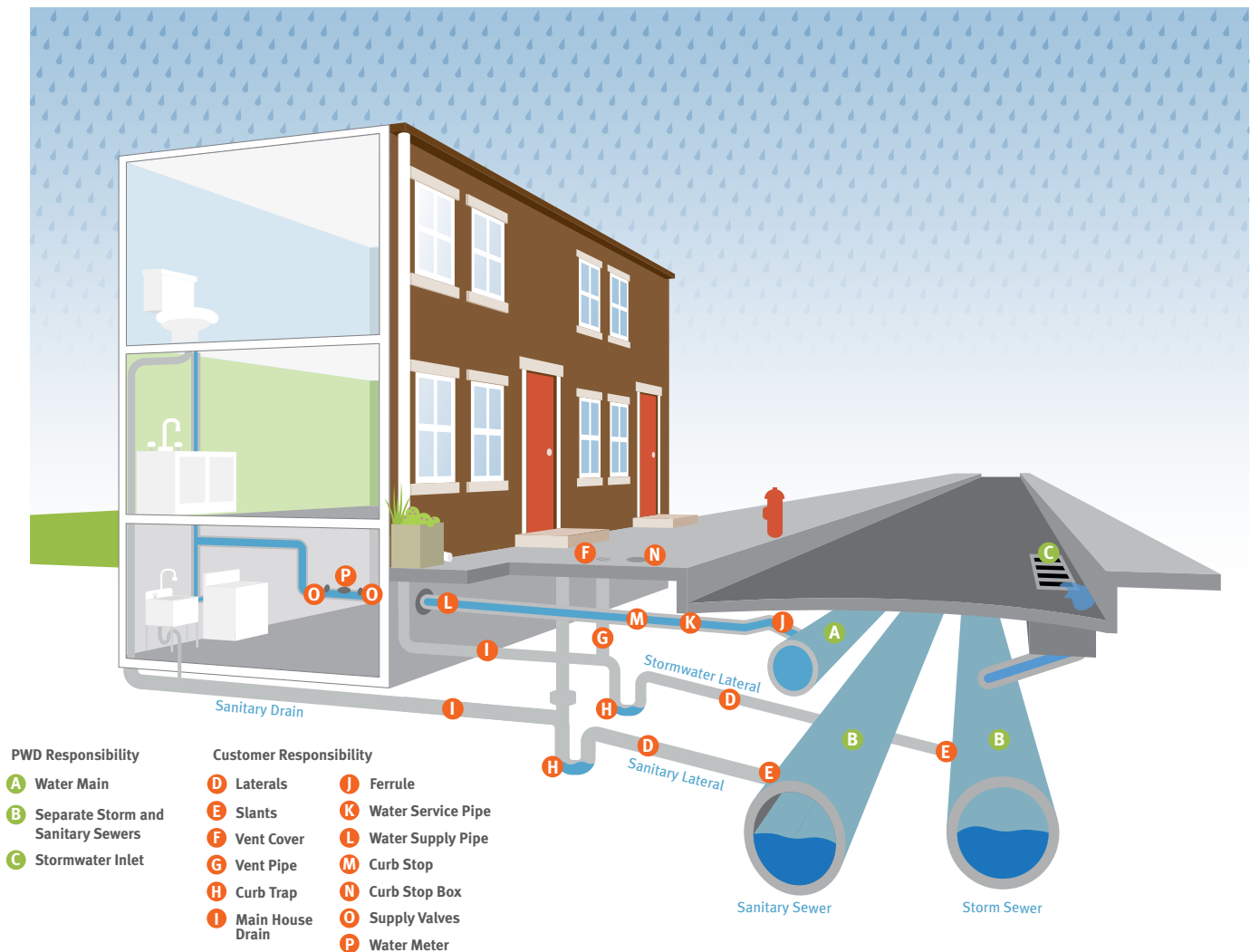
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