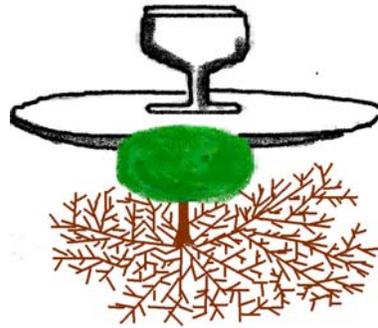


WHY DO ROOTS GROW IN SEWER PIPES?



Trees and bushes need water and nutrients to thrive. Roots are attracted to water vapor that escapes through pipe cracks or loose joints which in turn provides ideal conditions for root growth.

After a short time, the roots become entwined with paper, hair, solid matter, and grease. As they grow, they expand, they exert pressure, on the sewer pipe walls which can result in rupture of the pipe.

Picture a wine glass positioned on a **LARGE** dinner plate. On average tree roots extended 3 times the spread of the branches and that more than 50% of the absorbing roots were beyond the drip-line.

When planning landscaping the homeowner needs to know:

Where, the homes sewer lateral is located.

Will the tree, hedge, or bush canopy extend over into the neighbors yard, and possibly damage their sewer lateral, storm drain system, French drain system, water lines, meter boxes, sidewalks etc.

