



City of Santa Barbara's Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

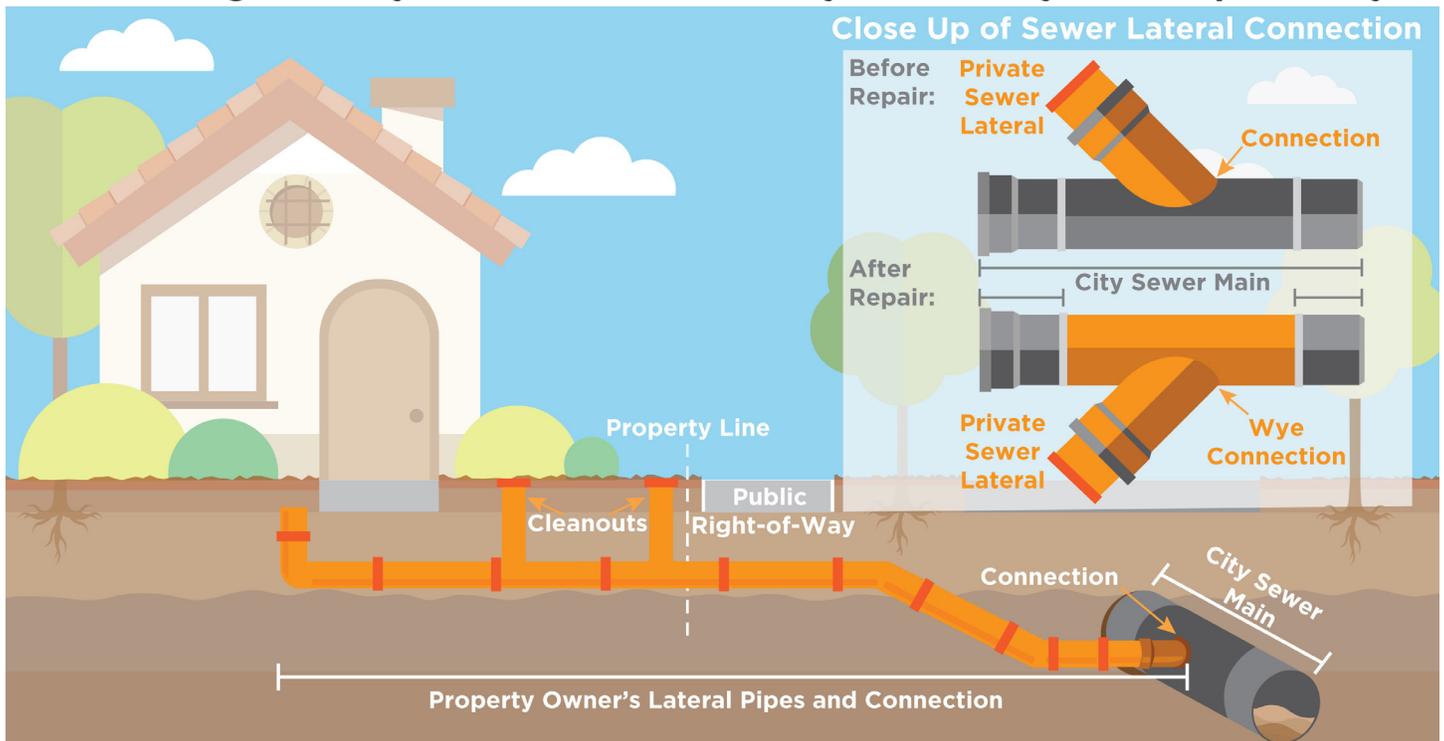
Maintenance and Repair of a Private Sewer Lateral

The Santa Barbara's Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) helps ensure that the private element of the sewer system is properly inspected, maintained and repaired by the property owner. By doing so, the wastewater collection system protects our community and environment by safely and effectively conveying wastewater to the El Estero Water Resource Center for treatment. In this flyer you will find useful information on how property owners can save time and money when repairing their private sewer lateral. Please, make sure to read it thoroughly.

What is a Private Sewer Lateral?

A private sewer lateral is the privately owned pipe that connects your home or business to the City's main sewer line. The sewer lateral carries wastewater, water flushed or drained from bathrooms and kitchens, away from your property to the City's main sewer line, usually located in the street. Without proper maintenance of a sewer lateral, private properties and the City's infrastructure are at risk of costly and environmentally damaging impacts. Catching and fixing problems early, through inspection and repair, is the most affordable and effective way to maintain Santa Barbara's Wastewater System.

Maintaining a Healthy Wastewater Collection System is Everyone's Responsibility



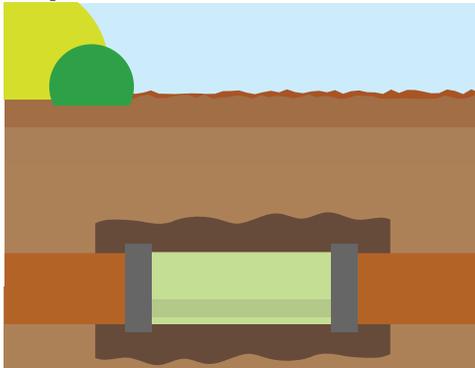
Steps to Repair or Replace Your Sewer Lateral

The **Repair Notification Letter** you received will indicate if your sewer lateral needs to be repaired, rehabilitated, or replaced. The recommended steps are:

- 1. Obtain multiple quotes:** Contact appropriately-licensed plumbing contractors to get quotes or estimates. Every lateral will have different repair needs, so be sure to ask your contractor about alternative repair methods.
- 2. Review your contractor's proposal(s) and make a selection:** Quotes or proposals should clearly explain work to be done, permits required, who will obtain and pay for permits, how the site will be restored and cleaned-up, and payment terms.
- 3. Obtain a permit for the work from the City through your contractor:** Never hire a contractor who says sewer repair work can be done without a permit. Remember that for *Residential City Initiated SLIP Cases* some permit fees are waived, feel free to ask the SLIP Team about it.

Useful Technical Information To Know Before You Talk With a Plumbing Contractor

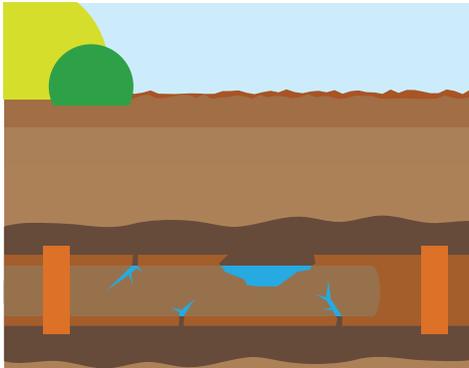
Repair



Spot Repair

- Point repairs, or 'Spot Repairs,' can work when the existing pipe is in good condition but there are only a few, distinct repair locations.
- If this is the option recommended by the City, your *Repair Notification Letter* will identify the locations of the repairs.

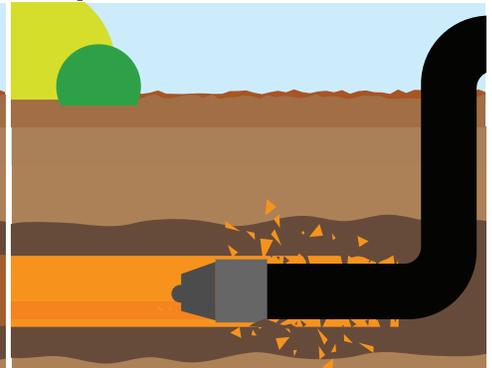
Rehabilitate



New Liner

- Pipe rehabilitation involves installing a liner to repair a portion of or the entire lateral. Access is typically through a small pit or cleanout.
- This method, typically called 'Cured in Place Pipe Lining,' uses a seamless felt tube which is saturated with resin and then hardened or cured.
- This method may also require point repairs prior to inserting the liner or when the connection requires replacement.

Replace



New Replacement Pipe

- Replacement involves removing and replacing the existing pipe.
- There are several methods available for pipe replacement. The City encourages you to determine the best option for you and your property, including trenching or 'pipe bursting.'
- Your *Repair Notification Letter* will state 'rehabilitate' or 'replace' lateral if there are several locations or defects that would make the replacement the best option.

Connection Replacement (WYE)

If your connection to the City's main sewer line is defective, your *Repair Notification Letter* will indicate that your connection should be replaced. In order to ensure the connection is installed correctly, your plumbing contractor will work with the City to have the City's Contractor replace your connection to the sewer mainline. As this is a service provided to you by the City, the connection replacement or 'sewer tap' fee is never waived.



Please, visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SLIPRepairs for additional information including:

1. Further description of the SLIP Process
2. Frequently Asked Question
3. Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining Contractors performing work in the City of Santa Barbara
4. Extension Requests

Once repairs have been made, proof of the completed work, i.e. a plumber's invoice or video, must be submitted for the City to close your SLIP Case and issue a *Certificate of Compliance*.

Contact: Available hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-Th and every other Friday.



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