



RESIDENTIAL SEWER LATERAL AND CLEAN OUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose: To assist and encourage residents to regularly clean and maintain their sewer lateral. Homeowners are responsible for the entire sewer lateral from the building to the point of connection (including the connection) with the District main line.

Why: To prevent sewer backups and spills. Sewer spills cause very expensive damage to the interior of a house and the environment, particularly the beaches.

What causes sewer spills: Laterals that are not regularly maintained become inoperable because tree roots enter the line and block the flow or misalign the pipe joints. Without regular maintenance, the damage becomes severe and excavation of the lateral is necessary. Regular maintenance will also remove other blockages including debris, rocks and grease.

Contribution by the CMSD: The CMSD will contribute 50% of the resident's costs up to a maximum of \$1,800 total per residential parcel as follows:

- Up to 50% of televising the lateral interior
- Up to 50% of cleaning the lateral
- Up to 50% of the cost of installing a clean out
- Up to 50% of lateral reconstruction costs

Effective Date of Program: Residents of the District performing work after July 15, 2007 are eligible for the program. The program is only available for residential property, not for commercial or industrial property.

How do I apply: Contact the Sanitary District at (949) 645-8400 X221

Program Limitations: Residents may only apply for participation in the program once every five years. The District Manager has discretion over all decisions. Residents must cooperate by adhering to the Program Requirements shown on the Application.



APPLICATION

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Property Address

City _____

Zip Code _____

Owner's First & Last Name

Owner's Phone Number

Owner's Address If Different from Property Address (Check mailed to this address)

Occupant's Name

Occupant's Phone number

Description of Sewer Lateral Problem (if known)

1. Receiving financial assistance requires **PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE WORK** by the District. A "before" video of the sewer lateral interior must be submitted **PRIOR** to the District granting approval of the work and an "after" video is required prior to reimbursement. **ALL REPAIR** work requires a **PERMIT** (NO COST if resident is eligible for the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program).



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2. Video of the sewer lateral interior MUST have the date shown on the screen and a footage counter. The video must include the entire lateral line (house to main in the middle of the street). The camera must be moved through the line at a uniform rate but in no case at a speed greater than 30 feet per minute. The camera should be stopped for a minimum of 5 seconds at broken sections, root intrusion, misaligned joints or other defects. The District reserves the right to request a re-video of any video not sufficiently clear enough to determine need for lateral repair.
3. Cleanouts shall be installed just inside the private property line at the right-of-way, unless another location is approved by the District.
4. Inspection of the work by the District is required. Call (949) 645-8400 at least two (2) hours in advance to schedule inspections. **Work must be completed within six months.**
5. If it is determined from television inspection that the homeowner's lateral line is defective, it is recommended the owner solicit bids from at least three licensed plumbing contractors to ensure a fair competitive bid (C-42 or A for work in public right of way or C-36 for work on private property).
6. District Staff will review lateral inspection tapes within five (5) working days of receipt. Videos will be held at the District office for fifteen (15) days after reimbursement for pick up by property owner. Tapes not claimed will be destroyed.

As the owner of the above listed property, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Costa Mesa Sanitary District and its officers employees and agents harmless from any and all claims or liability arising out of the, work performed and actions taken in connection with the Sewer Lateral Repair Program.

Property Owner Signature

Date

VHS/DVD Pick Up by (First & Last Name)

Signature & Date
