



SEWER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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City of El Segundo

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BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be used when an increase in the sewage flow is expected. Please complete the top portion of this form. An inspection of the existing sewer lateral by means of video camera may or may not be needed. Please contact the Building Safety Division at (310) 524-2380 for further information.

INFORMATION: Video tape submitted to the City will be reviewed within three working days. If it is determined that the sewer lateral must be replaced then you must obtain a permit prior to work commencing.

APPLICANT INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

PROPERTY ADDRESS:		DATE:
PROPERTY OWNER:	PHONE:	EMAIL:
APPLICANT NAME:	PHONE:	EMAIL:
Does the project include any increase in the number of plumbing fixtures? _____ YES _____ NO		
Please list the fixtures:		
Does the project include the full replacement of the existing sewer lateral? _____ YES _____ NO		

CITY USE ONLY – DO NOT COMPLETE

<input type="checkbox"/>	The sewer lateral on this property is required to be inspected by use of a video camera. Please submit a copy of the video to the Building Safety Division for review.	
VIDEO SUBMITTAL DATE: _____		
CONDITION OF EXISTING SEWER LATER:		
<input type="checkbox"/> POOR	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD
OBSERVED DAMAGE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOT DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL COLLAPSE	<input type="checkbox"/> BLOCKED
CITY DETERMINATION:		
<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTABLE
REVIEWER:	VIDEO REVIEW DATE: _____	



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Questions and Answers for Property Owners, Contractors, Developers, and Realtors.

This brochure is intended to answer the most common questions about the City of El Segundo's regulations regarding Sewer Replacement Program:

Q: What is a "sewer lateral?"

A: A "sewer lateral" or house connection sewer is the sanitary sewer line which extends a house's or business' plumbing to the connection with City's mainline sewer. Part of the sewer lateral is on private property and part of the sewer lateral is in the street and or public right of way.

Q: Why is the City concerned about the condition of the sewer lateral?

A: Sewer laterals which are in poor condition present three problems: (1) faulty sewer lines can leak raw sewage into the ground, which is a public health hazard; (2) storm water can enter poorly sealed sewer lines and can overload the sewer system causing blockages and backups, and can occasionally overload the City's wastewater facilities, resulting in the discharge of untreated sewage into the ocean; (3) damaged sewer laterals can cause blockages, backing up sewage into buildings causing flooding damage.

Q: What are the problems associated with El Segundo's sewer laterals?

A: Most homes in El Segundo were built before 1950. These homes often have never had their original sewer laterals replaced. Over time these pipelines generally made of clay can crack, become disjointed, experience displacement, and/or be subjected to intrusion by tree roots, all of which can cause leakage and blockage. In addition, some sewer laterals lack the right kind of "cleanout," which provides access for clearing blockages.

Q: Whose responsibility is the maintenance of the sewer lateral?

A: In El Segundo the maintenance of the sewer lateral from the building up to the connection with the City sewer mainline is the responsibility of the private property owner. The City's responsibility is the upkeep of the sewer mainline that the laterals connect to.

Q: At what point(s) am I required to repair or replace my sewer lateral?

A: You may voluntarily choose to repair or replace your sewer lateral at any time you feel it necessary (for example, if you are experiencing frequent sewer backups). However, if you plan on increasing the number of fixtures in your building this will cause an increase in flow through the sewer lateral. Before any improvements are made to the building, the sewer lateral will need to be inspected with a video camera to determine its current condition.

Q: Do I absolutely need to have a video made of my sewer?

A: No. The point of a sewer video is to demonstrate that the sewer lateral is in compliance, or to identify specific problems which can be repaired. However, if you elect to replace the entire sewer lateral in accordance with City requirements, then a video will not be required.

Q: Where do I find a contractor to repair or replace my sewer lateral?

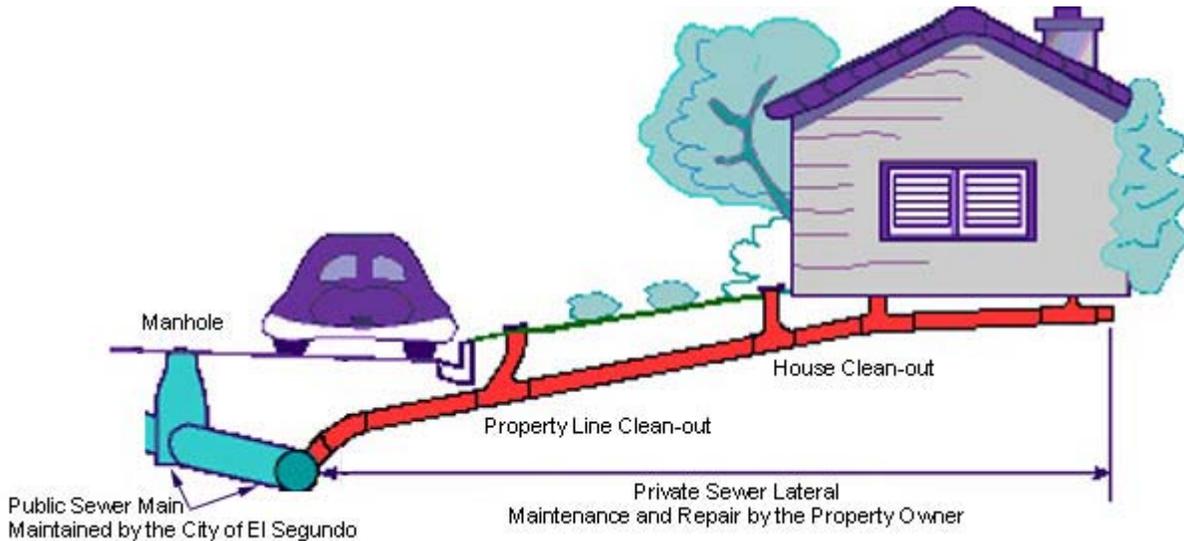
A: Many local companies licensed to do this work are listed in the phone book Yellow Pages, under "Plumbing Contractors." If you wish to check a contractor's license, you may do so with the State Contractors License Board, using their toll free number (800-321-2752) or Web site (www2.cslb.ca.gov). Most of these contractors are also able to make sewer videos.

Q: Do I need a permit to replace my sewer lateral?

A: Yes, a permit is required before you replace your sewer lateral. Permits can be obtained from the Building Safety Division. Please call (310) 524-2380 for more information.



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This City of El Segundo does not recommend any plumbing contractor. We provide this list not as a recommendation but as a reference. Other sources of reference are the yellow pages and the Contractors State License Board using their toll free number (800-321-2752) or Web site (www2.cslb.ca.gov). Check to see if the plumber has a current contractor's license.

1. Miller Plumbing, 310-675-2441
2. Bruce Games Swift Plumbing, 310-641-0708
3. Mattucci Plumbing, 310-543-2001
4. John Healy Plumbing, 310-347-5322
5. Rapid Plumbing, 310-318-1540
6. Split Second Plumbing, 310-725-9822