

Sewer Lateral Inspection Information

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As condition of your Planning and/ or Building Permit, you are required to have a video inspection of the sanitary sewer lateral from your property line to the City main to determine if it is in satisfactory condition for reuse. The information below is provided to help the property owner and contractor prepare for the inspection and understand the process.

Property Owner

1. Please contact the Wastewater Section Supervisor at (650) 903-6329 to schedule a representative to observe the video inspection. Inspections will typically be scheduled for Wednesday mornings.
2. Make sure the sewer lateral is accessible. A sewer clean-out is the preferred access point.
3. Is electricity available? Not all plumbers carry a portable generator.
4. Is water available? If the lateral has been out of service for an extended period of time, it may need flushing with water.
5. Recommended: Have the sewer lateral cleaned prior to the inspection. If the camera cannot pass through the sewer lateral due to roots, debris, etc., the inspection cannot be performed and you will need to reschedule the inspection.
6. Provide the Wastewater Section representative with a DVD copy of the inspection upon completion.

Televising Contractor

1. Do not start the video inspection without the City representative at the site.
2. Must be a licensed plumbing contractor.
3. Must use a color camera/ monitor capable of recording in DVD format.
4. Must televise the sewer lateral from the property line to the City sewer main.
5. Must be able to locate the camera while in the sewer lateral to determine the accurate location of defects.

Wastewater Supervisor/City Representative

1. Observe the video inspection and take possession of the DVD.
2. The Wastewater Supervisor will review the video and forward recommendations to the City Engineer assigned to the project.
3. If requested, the DVD will be returned to the property owner.