



PRIVATE BUILDING SEWER REGULATIONS

Effective July 1, 2009, all property owners in the City of El Cajon are required to complete a video inspection of their private building sewer from the building cleanout to the main connection in the street upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- i. Any sewage spill
- ii. Evidence that the sewer lateral has not been properly maintained
- iii. The existence of a public health threat
- iv. Addition of new plumbing fixtures
- v. Addition or remodel of at least 400 square feet of floor area

Additionally, all non-residential properties must complete a sewer lateral video inspection within 10 years of the ordinance effective date (by July 1, 2019).

If the property is a food-serving establishment the installation of a grease interceptor may also be required.

Video inspections are to be completed in accordance with the City's guidelines by a licensed contractor preferably from the City's pre-qualified contractors list. The guidelines and list of pre-qualified contractors can be obtained on the City's website in the Documents & Forms Library at:

<http://www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us/i-want-to/view/documents-forms-library>

The City charges a fee (\$200) for review of video inspections but the fee is waived if the property owner uses a pre-qualified contractor from the City's list.

Any citizen or plumbing contractor who has knowledge of a sewage spill is required to make a report to a 24-hour phone line and in some cases the report must be made within 2-hours. It is a violation of law to not report a spill. For the purposes of reporting and

compliance with the video inspection requirements, a spill is considered a leakage of sewage or wastewater to the surface of the ground, which is not fully recovered and returned to the sewer system. If a leak from the building sewer into the surrounding property is fully recovered and returned to the sewer, it is not a spill. If the leakage exits the property, it is a spill.

Typically, a small leakage of sewage will occur if a plumber opens a trap to break a blockage, but this not considered a spill if the plumber is able to contain and collect the leakage and return it to the sewer without it exiting the immediate area or the property.

The best way to avoid a spill is to have your lateral inspected on a periodic basis as part of a regular maintenance program. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the building sewer from the building to the main in the street, alley, or sewer easement.

Backups and spills are usually caused by avoidable problems. The usual causes of spills and backups are root intrusion, grease, old worn out pipes and solid objects that have no business in a sewer such as rags, disposable diapers, sanitary wipes, sanitary napkins, green waste, egg shells, and coffee grounds.

If a video inspection reveals a pipeline defect, the property is subject to a mandatory "Notice to Repair" and it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the pipe and have the pipeline re-inspected to confirm that repairs have been made and the pipeline is in good working order.

Additional information concerning procedures for pipeline inspection or repair is contained in the guidelines. Please contact the City's Lateral Coordinator at (619) 441-1653 if you have any questions.



PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION AND REPAIR REPORT

*Required Information

*Customer's Name: _____ *Address: _____ *Phone: _____

*Contractor's Name: _____ *Inspector's Name: _____ *Phone: _____

*Sewer Usage (circle): Residential/Commercial/Condo/Apt *Pipe Size: _____ *Pipe Material: _____

*CCTV Date: __/__/____ *Time: _____ *Camera Direction (circle): With/Against Flow *Total Length: _____ ft

*The inspection video is complete, from the building to the connection with the City's mainline.

Note: Incomplete video inspections will not be accepted. All portions of the lateral must be visible in video; lateral should be hydro-jetted, as needed.

*Property has been verified as having no outside surface drains that accept rainwater runoff connected to the sewer system.

Cleanout is accessible outside the building.

Private sewer lateral connects to City sewer in public right of way.

Private sewer lateral crosses neighboring private property.

There is more than one structure at this address served by the private sewer lateral.

There is a sewer ejector pump at this property.

I recommend the following repairs to restore normal sewer lateral function:

- Recommended repairs have been made (*Enclose a copy of the repair authorization, contract or invoice signed by property owner*)
- Lateral has been re-inspected to verify repairs

I certify that the information, recommended repairs and video recording I have provided with this form are true and correct:

*Video Technician's Signature: _____ *Date: _____

The information submitted herewith complies with all requirements set forth by the City of El Cajon Municipal Code 14.46 inclusive. I declare under penalty of perjury that all information submitted here applies to the listed address only:

*Plumber's Signature: _____ *Date: _____ *License # _____

Copies to: Public Works, Owner of Site Address

*Required enclosures:

1. Work Order or Invoice.
2. DVD video inspection and re-inspection following repairs if needed.
3. Completed Inspection Log. Note any observations using the observation codes.
4. Sketch of lateral, lot, and building with dimensions referenced to front curb or edge of pavement and side property lines if possible. If inspection is a long lateral note spacing of cleanouts and entry location for insertion of camera.

OBSERVATION CODES

B	BROKEN	S	SAG
C	CRACK	R	ROOTS
F	FRACTURE	CP	CHANGE IN PIPE MATERIAL
I	INFILTRATION	OR	OUT OF ROUND
O	OFFSET		

*LATERAL INSPECTION LOG

CODE	DISTANCE	OBSERVATION

*SITE SKETCH

