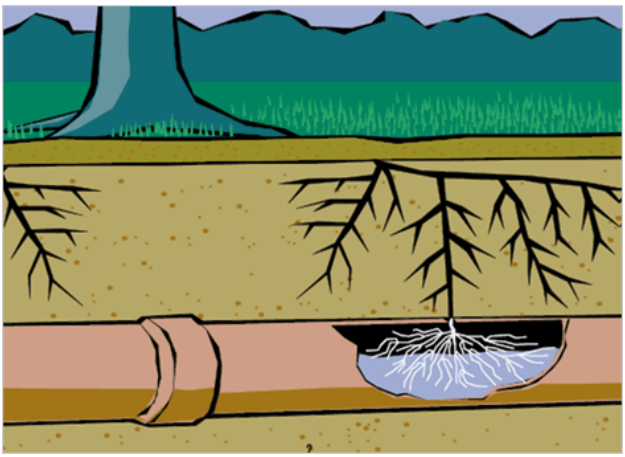
Sewer Problems?



Attention: Pacifica Residents

City of Pacifica Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: Notice of Availability of Free Inspections and Grant Funding for Sewer Lateral Replacement

Beginning July 1, 2016 the City of Pacifica will inspect qualifying residents' sewer laterals for defects, leaks and failures, and provide reimbursement grants for the replacement of qualifying laterals that are leaking due to root infiltration, breaks, cracks, failed pipe, "Orangeburg" pipe, and alignment problems at $1,000. The program will expire on June 30, 2017 or when 50 laterals are replaced, whichever comes first.

These inspections will be done on a first come first serve basis and are limited to the first 50 applicants.

For further information on the City's Sewer Lateral Replacement Program, please call Brian Martinez at 650-738-4669 or visit the Waste Water Treatment Department at the Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant, 700 Coast Highway in Pacifica.

Please note that information provided by private contractors is not official information and may not accurately reflect City policies and regulations. Only personnel of the City's Waste Water Treatment Department should be consulted for information on this Program.

Eligible properties are one's that are not in need of a Lateral Compliance Certificate for a real estate transaction or major remodel within the next 2 years.

If any property that receives a grant is transferred, has a major remodel ($50,000 or more) or adds any new plumbing fixtures or drains or any other action that would trigger the need for a Lateral Compliance Certificate within 2 years of grant award, the property owner will be obligated to return the $1000 grant in full within 30 days of such action.

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City of Pacifica Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: Program Guidelines

Background

The City of Pacifica municipal code requires that property owners or persons in possession of property properly maintain side, or lateral, sewer lines connecting privately-owned buildings to the City's main sewer lines at the owners' own costs.

On July 1, 2016 the City of Pacifica will begin their Sewer Lateral Replacement Program ("Program") to enable the City to (a) inspect potentially defective, leaking and/or failed laterals connecting private residences to the City's main sewer line, and (b) offer grants to reimburse property owners a portion of the cost of replacing qualifying defective, leaking and/or failed laterals.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a lateral inspection under this Program:

1. the property must be a private, single-family primary residence ***or*** the property must be owned and operated by a nonprofit organization, on a not-for-profit basis, as temporary or transitional housing or related services for homeless persons;
2. the property must not have already received benefits through this Program;
3. the lateral must be at least ten years old ***or*** there must be a reasonable basis to believe that the lateral is defective, leaking and/or failed, as determined by City staff.
4. **The property is not in need of a Lateral Compliance Certificate for a real estate transaction or major remodel within the next 2 years.**

To be eligible for a grant for lateral replacement reimbursement under this Program:

1. the above criteria for lateral inspection must be met;
2. the lateral must have been inspected through this Program;
3. the lateral must have been found by City staff to be leaking due to root infiltration, breaks, cracks, failed pipe, "Orangeburg" pipe, or alignment problems;
4. the property owner must submit evidence of full payment to the contractor (i.e. "zero-balance" invoice).

Award Limits

For each grant given under this Program, reimbursements are limited to $1,000 per property. When the City has reached the maximum budget for the Program in any fiscal year, the Program may be suspended until further funds are available. When the City has reached the maximum aggregate budget for the Program, the Program may be terminated.

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City of Pacifica Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: Application for Free Sewer Lateral Inspection and Right of Entry for Inspection of Lateral

Property Address:

Name of Applicant:

This property is:

___ a private, single-family primary residence

___ owned and operated by a nonprofit organization, on a not-for-profit basis, as temporary or transitional housing or related services for homeless persons

I am the legal owner of the property located at the above address. [_____] (initial here) ***or***
I am a legal representative of the nonprofit organization that owns the property located at the above address. [_____] (initial here)

The lateral on this property is at least 10 years old. [_____] (initial here) ***or***
I have the following reasons to believe that the lateral located at the above-identified property is defective, leaking and/or failed: [_____] (initial here)

AUTHORIZATIONS, WAIVERS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

I hereby authorize and grant employees or agents of the City of Pacifica the right to enter the above-identified property for purposes of inspecting the lateral connecting building(s) located on the above-identified property to the City's main sewer line at any time during regular business hours, upon reasonable notice. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge that lateral inspection may require the removal of plants and landscaping, and authorize City employees or agents to remove plants and landscaping as necessary to conduct the inspection. I understand that City employees or agents will return the plants and landscaping to as close to their prior condition as practicable. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge that lateral inspections may be performed by the use of closed-circuit video cameras. If City employees or agents create a video recording of the inspection of any lateral located on my property, such recording(s), as well as copies of any written reports on the inspection, will be provided to me after City review and will belong to me. However, I will grant the City reasonable access to such videos upon request. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby waive and agree not to assert any claim, demand or cause of action against the City, its officers, employees, councilmembers, volunteers and agents arising from exercise of this Right of Entry and/or performance of any lateral inspection on my property by City employees or agents. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that the entry of, and inspection by, any City employees or agents does not relieve me of my legal responsibility for the maintenance, nor ownership, of the inspected lateral. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that completion of a lateral inspection by City employees or agents does not qualify me or my property for any further City-provided benefits, including the grant of funds for repair or replacement of the inspected lateral. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that for the next 2 years if my property is transferred, has a major remodel ($50,000 or more) or adds any new plumbing fixtures or drains or any other action that would trigger the need for a Lateral Compliance Certificate, I will be obligated to return my $1000 grant in full within 30 days of such action. [_____] (initial here)

_____	_____
Print name here	Mailing Address
_____	_____
Signature	Telephone Number(s)
_____	
Date	

Applications may be submitted by mail or in person to: City of Pacifica Waste Water Treatment Department, 700 Coast Highway, Pacifica, CA 94044, Attn: Sewer Lateral Replacement Program

Note: To the extent possible, an employee or agent of the City of Pacifica will contact each applicant within ten (10) days of receipt of this application to inform the applicant of the status of their application.

For City staff use only:

Application received on (date): _____

Application reviewed by: _____

Application decision made on (date): _____

Application decision: ____Application for inspection accepted
____Application for inspection denied

Reason(s) for denial, if appropriate:

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If application for inspection granted
Inspection performed by: _____
Inspection performed on (date): _____
Copy of video made: ____Yes
____ No

Report completed on (date): _____

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City of Pacifica Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: Application for Grant to Reimburse for Costs of Lateral Replacement

Property Address:

Name of Applicant:

This property is:

___ a private, single-family primary residence

___ owned and operated by a nonprofit organization, on a not-for-profit basis, as temporary or transitional housing or related services for homeless persons

I am the legal owner of the property located at the above address. [_____] (initial here) ***or***
I am a legal representative of the nonprofit organization that owns the property located at the above address. [_____] (initial here)

Attach the invoice/statement showing payment to the plumber/contractor has been made in full contractor (i.e. "zero-balance" invoice).

WAIVERS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

I hereby acknowledge and agree that for the next 2 years if my property is transferred, has a major remodel ($50,000 or more) or adds any new plumbing fixtures or drains or any other action that would trigger the need for a Lateral Compliance Certificate, I will be obligated to return my $1000 grant in full within 30 days of such action. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby waive and agree not to assert any claim, demand or cause of action against the City, its officers, employees, councilmembers, volunteers and agents arising from the lateral replacement at the above-identified property. [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that a grant from the City does not relieve me of my legal responsibility for the maintenance, nor ownership, of the replaced lateral(s). [_____] (initial here)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that I undertook the lateral replacement at my own risk and that the City does not warrant work performed the contractor who performed the lateral replacement. [_____] (initial here)

_____	_____
Print name here	Mailing Address
_____	_____
Signature	Telephone Number(s)
_____	
Date	

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For City staff use only:

Application received on (date): _____

Application reviewed by: _____

Application decision made on (date): _____

Application decision: ____ Grant awarded in the amount of $_____
____ Grant application denied

Reason(s) for denial, if appropriate:

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If grant awarded
Reimbursement issued by: _____
Reimbursement issued on (date): _____

Notes: