

RESIDENTIAL SEWER LATERAL AND CLEAN OUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Purpose:** To assist and encourage homeowners to regularly clean and maintain their sewer lateral line. Homeowners are responsible for the entire sewer lateral from the building to the point of connection (including the connection) with Costa Mesa Sanitary District's (CMSD) 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:** CMSD will reimburse 50% of the homeowner or Homeowners Association costs up to a maximum of \$1,600 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:** CMSD homeowners 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:** Submit application to: **Costa Mesa Sanitary District, 628 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, 92627 ▪ FAX: (949) 650-2253 ▪ Email: info@cmsdca.gov**
Application and more program details available at www.cmsdca.gov
Departments/ Sewer Lateral Assistance Program
- Program Limitations:** Homeowners may only apply for participation in the program once every five years. CMSD's General Manager has discretion over all decisions. Residents must cooperate by adhering to the Program Requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

BEFORE BEGINNING WORK



1. Property owner calls a plumber for closed circuit television (CCTV)

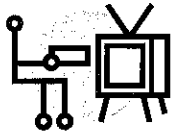
- Must have date and footage counter shown on the video screen.
- Narration (of address, date, contractor) is required.
- Must include the entire lateral line (house to CMSD main line in the middle of the street).
- Camera must be moved through the line at a uniform speed less than 30 feet per minute to enable independent review and evaluation.
- Camera should be stopped for a minimum of 5 seconds at broken sections, root intrusion, misaligned joints or other defects.
- CMSD reserves right to request re-video of any video not sufficiently clear enough to view.

THERE ARE NO EMERGENCY REPAIRS - Snake a hole for drainage & CCTV for review.



2. Property owner submits application & CCTV (VHS/DVD)

- Submit a completed application and a "before" video of sewer lateral to CMSD.
- Videos older than three months are not acceptable.
- Work must be completed within six months from application date.



3. Costa Mesa Sanitary District Staff reviews video

- District Staff reviews videos within 5 business days of receipt and contacts property owner/manager to discuss.
- If it is determined from CCTV review that 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.



4. Contractor obtains permit from CMSD before beginning repairs

- Permits are free under the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program.
- Penalty fees will be assessed for work performed without a permit.

BEFORE COMPLETING WORK



5. Contractor calls CMSD for inspection

- Call Joe Limon, CMSD inspector, (714) 290-6831 at least 2 hours in advance to schedule inspection.
- Work must be completed within six months.

AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED



6. Property owner submits an after video & paid receipts to the District

- Property owner obtains an "after" video from contractor and submits to CMSD.
- Property owner submits copy of paid-in-full invoices for work performed.
- CMSD reimburses 50% of cost, up to \$1600 to property owner/manager or Homeowners Association(HOA).



7. Property owner picks up "before" & "after" video from CMSD.

- Videos not claimed after 15 days of reimbursement will be destroyed.



APPLICATION SEWER LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

OWNER'S NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM PROPERTY ADDRESS: (Check mailed to this address)

Is property part of a Homeowners Association (HOA)? *(For properties subject to an HOA, either the HOA applies, or the HOA must grant the property owner written permission for the property owner to apply).*

YES _____ NO _____

PLUMBING CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

DESCRIPTION OF SEWER LATERAL PROBLEM:

Receiving financial assistance **REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE WORK** by CMSD. A "before" video of the sewer lateral interior must be submitted **PRIOR** to CMSD 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). A penalty fee will be assessed for work done without a permit.



APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

Have you applied for SLAP before? _____ If so, please provide date and amount of reimbursement _____

I have thoroughly read pages 1 – 4 of this application and understand the guidelines for the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program and agree to abide by these guidelines. Applicants who do not follow the guidelines of this program will not be eligible for reimbursement.

INITIAL: _____

As the owner of the property listed on this application, 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 Assistance Program.

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE:

DATE:

VHS/DVD PICK UP SIGNATURE:

DATE:

To be signed when videos/DVD's are picked up
