

How do I apply for a Sewer Lateral Rebate?

Becoming eligible for a rebate is simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Hire a plumber to clean and video inspect your sewer lateral.

We recommend getting quotes from a few plumbers before making a final decision. It is important that the plumber that you choose cleans and video inspects (and records) your sewer lateral all the way to the connection with the public sewer main. You can review plumber evaluations completed by other Burbank residents at Burbankca.gov/SLURP.

2. Bring in the plumber's receipt, the videotape (or DVD), and a completed rebate form to Public Works

You can drop it off at our offices (150 N. Third St., Burbank, 91510-6459) or mail it to us. Rebate forms are available online at Burbankca.gov/SLURP.

3. Public Works will give you a \$150 credit on your utility bill!*

Please note that SLURP rebates are only available for single family residences and duplexes.

What if my pipe is damaged and requires replacement?

More often than not, roots enter sewer laterals through joints and all that is required is a good cleaning. However, if you decide to have your sewer lateral replaced, the City will provide a \$500 rebate as long as that contractor obtains the proper permits and at least 10 feet of the sewer lateral in the public right-of-way is replaced. A backwater valve may be required if certain criteria is met (BMC 8-1-313).

To obtain this SLURP rebate for sewer lateral replacement, simply turn in the receipt of payment from your sewer contractor and the rebate form to the Public Works Department. A rebate check will be sent to you in the mail.

Also, if a city tree has crushed or displaced your sewer lateral, you may be eligible for reimbursement on the repair of that portion of your sewer lateral (BMC 8-1-312). Reimbursement is limited to the amount designated in the City of Burbank Fee Schedule and cannot be used in combination with the \$500 replacement rebate.

To be eligible for reimbursement, your contractor must have the damaged pipe inspected by the City prior to its removal. The following steps must be taken:

1. Select a contractor to perform the repair.
2. The contractor pulls the necessary permits.
3. The damaged pipe is exposed by the contractor.
4. The contractor calls for an inspection prior to removal of the damaged pipe.
5. Submit a claim in a timely manner with the City Clerk's office upon completion of the work.

All sewer repairs in the City right-of-way require an appropriate license. A sewer permit and an excavation permit must be obtained by the contractor before beginning the work.

If you are unsure whether your pipe needs to be replaced or not, you can bring in the videotape to our offices for review. Be cautious about contractors who claim your sewer lateral cannot be cleaned just to try to sell you on a replacement or lining job!

Is your sewer working properly?



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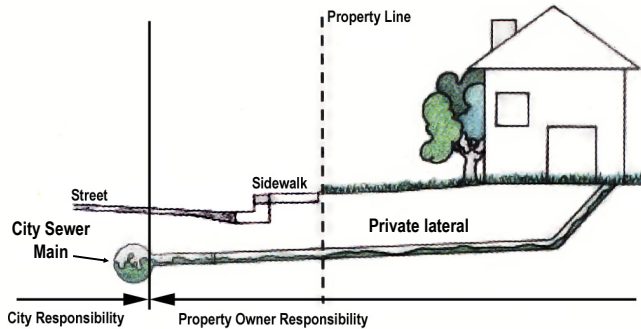
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OVERVIEW

The sewer lateral is the part of your sewer system that runs from your house to the public sewer main, which is under the street, alley, or easement behind your home. Most residents don't give it much thought until there are backup problems.



Typical Cross-section

The maintenance of the sewer lateral is the responsibility of the property owner (BMC 8-1-107). SLURP is designed to encourage single family residents to maintain their sewer lateral **before** a problem occurs. The City will give property owners a \$150 credit on their utility bill for cleaning and video inspecting their sewer lateral. The proper maintenance of sewer laterals will also help prevent sewer overflows—a benefit to everyone!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find a plumber?

A plumber can be found by consulting your local yellow pages or internet listings. The City does not recommend specific plumbers. However, you can review plumber evaluations completed by other Burbank residents at Burbankca.gov/SLURP.

How much should I expect to pay?

The typical cost for cleaning and video recording a sewer lateral is between \$300 and \$700. This amount depends upon the sewer lateral at your specific property and the type of equipment used by the individual plumber. It is a good idea to get quotes from a few different plumbers before making a final decision.

Do I have to get the sewer lateral video inspected?

After your lateral has been cleaned, you must have your sewer lateral video inspected (and recorded) to be eligible for the \$150 rebate.* The video inspection also allows you to verify that your sewer lateral was cleaned thoroughly all the way to the public sewer main. The video inspection is not required if you choose not to pursue the \$150 rebate.

What do I ask the plumber to do?

Ask the plumber to clean and video inspect sewer lateral (after cleaning it) all the way to the connection to the public sewer main. This will include the 6" diameter portion of the line from the property line to the connection with the public sewer main. Inform your plumber that you need to have a copy of the USB/DVD at the end of the job with evidence of the address inspected.

Can I have the plumber install lining in my sewer lateral? How about pipe-bursting?

Lining of sewer laterals, which is the installation of material on the inside of your existing sewer lateral pipe, is not permitted in the City right-of-way. This type of construction has not proven to be a reliable long-term solution. Pipe-bursting, on the other hand, is an acceptable lateral replacement construction method. Pipe-bursting requires the excavation of two pits. A bursting head is pulled through old lateral, breaking it to pieces. A new seamless plastic pipe is pulled in to replace the old pipe. Pipe-bursting requires that your contractor obtain an excavation permit.

Do I need to install a backwater valve?

A backwater valve is another way to prevent sewage backups into your home by allowing sewage only to flow in one direction and preventing sewage from flowing up your lateral and into your home.

If you replace your building sewer, or have building sewer repairs made with a total length in excess of 10 feet, you are required to install a backwater valve (BMC 8-1-313). Backwater valves are also required if you perform modifications to your home with a building permit valuation of \$50,000 or more. A conditional waiver from this requirement can be granted by the Director under certain conditions.

**Only single family residences and duplexes are eligible for the \$150 rebate.*

Buyer Beware! If you are unsure whether your pipe needs to be replaced, you can bring in the USB/DVD to our offices for review. Be cautious about contractors who claim your sewer lateral cannot be cleaned just to try to sell you on a replacement or lining job! We strongly recommend that you obtain multiple quotes before committing to have any work performed at your residence.