

Do's and Don'ts



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Learn more about the District's helpful tips to assist you in maintaining your sewer lateral.

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1. Ask a plumber about preventative maintenance on problem sewer lines.
2. Call if you have any questions about your sewer line.
3. Obtain a permit if you need to make a lateral repair. If a plumber will be making the repair, they should obtain the permit.
4. Use only a licensed, insured, and registered contractor to make necessary repairs.
5. Use and flush only toilet paper as it is biodegradable.
6. Recycle oil, paint, and other toxic materials at a recycling center.
7. Remember to call 811 prior to digging.

Don'ts

1. Put grease, coffee grounds or eggshells down drains or in garbage disposals.
2. Flush "disposable" or "flushable" wipes.
3. Plant a tree directly over a sewer line. Roots can be problematic.
4. Cut down a curbside tree without checking with the city.
5. Try to repair your lateral by yourself.
6. Proceed automatically with an expensive repair. Always get a second opinion.
7. Use an unlicensed, unknown contractor to make repairs.
8. Forget to locate cleanout in front of building, prior to having a stoppage.
9. Pour anything toxic down the sewer or storm drain.
10. Open a manhole for any reason.