

# \$ MONEY SAVING TIPS FOR SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS \$

## TIP #1

**Be prudent, request 3-7 estimates from plumbers for the lateral work required by the County.**

Contractors' Good Faith Estimates can vary significantly! An approved list of contractors/plumbers that can work in the County right-of-way can be found on our webpage.

## TIP #2

**Pipe patch or spot repair liner kits are possible ways to decrease the cost of repairing a sanitary sewer lateral defect.**

Depending on the specific repairs and site conditions, Santa Cruz County Sanitation can consider allowing the use of patch and liner kits on your private property, in private streets and easements, and in the public rights-of-way. Using these kits, plumbers can make remote repairs in your lateral from an access point near the building or other location(s), depending on space and accessibility. Pipe patch kits often can be used for repairing offset or damaged joints, root intrusions, or broken/cracked pipe segments. The County cannot guarantee that every required repair can be fixed with this method, but it can be used in many instances. Whether or not this repair method can be used will be determined by your licensed plumber.

Several contractors/plumbers in the Santa Cruz San Jose area have been trained on patch/liner installation methods by the manufactures/vendors of these kits and have made the investment in the necessary equipment to do the installations.

Once the repairs are completed your plumber must perform a camera video recording of the repairs through the entire length of the lateral and then submit that video to the County's Box website for the District Inspector to approve.

See links below for more information on this kind of repair.

<https://www.s1eonline.com/pipepatch>

<https://www.s1eonline.com/videos/pipepatch-trenchless-point-repair-commercial-video>

## TIP #3

**Drain wastewater collected in sags and obtain a new video showing the pipe condition previously obscured by the wastewater.**

After you have selected a licensed plumber to perform your lateral video inspection. Please direct the plumber to stop the video recording if they encounter a sag filled with wastewater that prevents the sewer pipe walls from being visible. The plumber should remove the wastewater from the lateral and complete the video recording of the lateral with wastewater removed from sag section of pipe. This simple instruction to your plumber allows the County to see and evaluate the entire lateral pipe and determine if any defects in the lateral require repairs. This step can also help save time for you and the County; and potentially prevent the County from requiring repairs based on the obscured view of the pipe interior.