

CITY OF FAIRFAX

Wastewater Utility

Wastewater Lateral Repair and Replacement Program

How to Apply for Assistance

Program Summary

As a residential or business customer of the City of Fairfax Wastewater Utility owned and managed by the City of Fairfax Department of Public Works, you are entitled to a reimbursement for expenses actually paid to repair or replace your lateral within public property. In most cases, the Wastewater Utility will reimburse you for replacement of the lateral within private property if the replacement is completed using trenchless technology.

Repairs on private property are not eligible for reimbursement because such repairs are not considered a public utility purpose. You should contract with a private insurance provider for this purpose.

Definitions

Lateral - The gravity pipeline from your establishment to the Wastewater Main.
Program – The Wastewater Lateral Repair and Replacement Program.
Trenchless Technology – Technology whereby total open excavation is not necessary for lateral replacement.

Step 1 – Obtain at least two quotations

Contact at least two contractors and ask for a camera inspection with video and voice recording of the inspection showing both the house number and the interior of the lateral section considered for repair or replacement. Only one recording is required for an emergency repair or replacement. Two recordings are required for a preventive replacement employing Trenchless Technology. In all cases you must obtain two quotations to ensure competition.

Step 2 – Apply with the Wastewater Utility

Under the Program you must submit a formal application with the Wastewater Utility (available on the City website) prior to engaging an independent contractor to do the work. Primarily you are required to:

Apply for reimbursement before the work is accomplished and include with the application:

1. Two quotations and related descriptions for the work to be accomplished.
2. At least one video recordation of the interior lateral condition for the entire length to be replaced or section to be repaired.

Step 3 – Contract for the Work

After receipt of recommendations and application approval by the City (this can be accomplished within four hours for emergency repairs), you will contract with the selected contractor. You will be responsible for the work. The City will not manage the contractor and as such will not be responsible for the work product. Your contractor will be expected to provide your project with the Standard of Care required for this region and provide you with a 10-year warranty for labor and materials. The contractor you select must follow the published Program Requirements.

Step 4 - Reimbursement

Upon completion of the work, pay the contractor and provide the invoice and proof of payment to the Wastewater Utility for reimbursement for a portion of the payments made.