

Sewer Lateral Repair Options

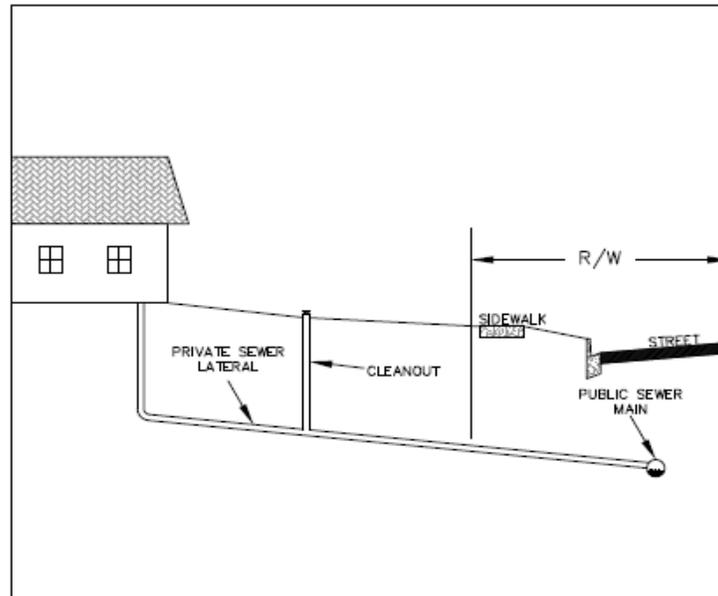
Your sewer lateral is your property—from your home’s plumbing to your connection to the City of St. Cloud’s sewer main. Maintaining and repairing your sewer lateral helps protect you, your neighbors and our environment.

WHAT ARE MY REPAIR OPTIONS?

The simplest method is open-cut method. This method involves cutting a trench, removing the old pipe and installing new pipe. Other options include trenchless repairs such as; pipe bursting or cured-in-place pipe liner.

HOW MUCH WILL THESE REPAIRS COST ME?

A typical sewer lateral replacement will cost somewhere in the range of \$3,500 to \$5,500. If there are obstructions such as extensive landscaping, driveways, or structures built over the lateral, the costs can increase significantly.



Consider the following when selecting a contractor that is right for you.

1. Get at least **three** quotes.
2. Get written estimates. Make sure restoration of your property is included.
3. Ask for references.

Based on conditions at your home (landscaping, retaining walls, the cost to repair the street), you will need to decide whether it is more cost effective to repair your sewer service by having a contractor dig an open trench or use an approved alternative method. While some homeowners prefer sewer lining as an alternative to open trench, the City provides no assurances for choosing one method over the other.

When selecting a contractor to do the plumbing or repair work, make sure they are obtaining all necessary permits from the City of St. Cloud.

When the repair work is complete, the contractor or property owner must contact the City’s Inspection Department (320.255.7239) to inspect the repairs before it is buried.

HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR?

1. Ask family and friends if they know of anyone that has done similar work.
2. If interested in a non-excavating approach, **type in “trenchless sewer repair contractors”** in your internet query search to get a list of contractors located near you that can do this specialty work.
3. Check the yellow pages under, “plumbing”, “excavating” or “contractors”.

Note: The City will not recommend a specific contractor.