

Sewer Maintenance Program

What is the District's service responsibility?

The City is responsible for the sanitary sewer mains in the public right-of-way (ROW). Most sanitary sewers are located in the middle of the streets or in easements.

How does MSD inspect its sanitary sewers?

Our target frequency is that once every 10 years the sanitary sewers will be scheduled for inspection by closed circuit TV. Emergency inspections are done as needed. A manual non-invasive inspection monitoring the condition and flow are noted and tracked on a rotation period of approximately every 2 years. During this time, MSD personnel also inspect manhole structurability and other components of the sanitary sewer system.

How often are the sanitary sewers cleaned?

Sanitary sewers are scheduled for cleaning every 2 to 3 years, depending on pipe size and method of cleaning. Emergency backup calls are cleaned at the time of the occurrence. Cleaning is done with high-pressure jets and combination of jet/vac trucks, rodders, or a procedure called discing.

What is MSD doing to eliminate any infiltration/inflow problems that may exist or develop in the sanitary sewer system?

During our inspection procedures, MSD personnel note cracks in sewer pipes that might contribute to infiltration/inflow as well as low-lying areas collecting runoff.

How often is the sewer main line in front of my property cleaned?

Sewer main line cleaning is major part of our Sewer Maintenance program. However, certain areas require a higher level of maintenance. For instance, if an area has a history of heavy root infestation or higher than normal levels of Fat, Oils & Grease (FOG) or irrigation/snow runoff, Sewer Operations personnel clean these sewer main lines on a more frequent basis.

What is the District's responsibility regarding private sewer laterals?

You, the property owner, are responsible for maintaining adequate sewage flow to and through your private sanitary sewer lateral (also called a sanitary service) to the District's sewer main. Even though part of your lateral is in the Public ROW, this is still the responsibility of the property owner.

When failure or blockage of a sanitary sewer lateral occurs, MSD personnel will respond to verify that the sewer main is open and sewage is flowing. If the sewer main is found to be clear, it is the responsibility of the property owner to call a licensed plumber or drain cleaning service to correct the problem in the sanitary service.

Sewer and Storm Drains

For general questions call Midway Sanitation District at (435) 654-3223.

For urgent problems such as the following, call Midway Sanitation District at (435) 671-7761:

- Sewage backups in your home through your toilet, tub or floor drain
- Suspected breaks in a sanitary sewer or a storm drain structure
- Missing manhole covers or other sewer-related issues that may be dangerous