

City of Saint Paul Public Works Department Sewer Utility



Inflow & Infiltration Sewer Project Notice

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Project Information:

In 2018, the City of Saint Paul received a grant from the Metropolitan Council to complete an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Demonstration Project. This is a multi-year project that will inspect and potentially repair the sanitary sewer system in your neighborhood. See the Project Area Map included with this information.

As the property owner, you can have a FREE inspection of your sanitary sewer, but you must contact the city's contractor. The sewer project has two phases:

- <u>2019 (Inspection Phase):</u> Inspect sanitary sewer service from homes by free televised scoping and conduct area-wide sewer flow monitoring.
- <u>2020 (Repair Phase):</u> Review sewer service conditions, evaluate repair options, and potentially make needed repairs with minimal or no cost to property owners.

What will happen with the first phase of this sewer project?

With the first phase of the sewer project, city contractors will inspect the sanitary sewer connection to homes and businesses by "televised scoping," which is putting a camera into the "vertical cleanout" access in your sewer pipes, typically found in your basement. The contractors will review the sewer pipes and find potential leaks and faulty connections. The inspection takes approximately 90 minutes, which includes the setup time. Typically, this type of inspection can cost \$300-\$500 and provides valuable data to homeowners about the condition of their sewer pipes. With this special project, the inspection is free to you.



Televised scoping through the vertical cleanout access in sewer pipes. Watch a video at https://youtu.be/SmL8PPJhpiw

Why is the city doing this sewer project?

This project will ONLY inspect the property's sanitary sewer connection. This type of sewer inspection, monitoring and evaluation helps the city find potential leaks in our sanitary sewer system. This is essential to keep our sewer system working well, reducing costs for both the city and property owners, as well as keeping our soil and water clean.

When will this sewer project start?

Property owners need to contact the city contractor, SEH, to schedule a free inspection. The televised scoping of sewer connections will occur **June 15** through **September 30, 2019**.

How much will this sewer project cost property owners?

- **2019 Inspection Phase:** There is no cost to homeowners for the inspection. The project is covered by the City of Saint Paul and a grant from the Met Council.
- 2020 Repair Phase: There are some limited funds to help homeowners cover potential repairs. After all the inspection data has been reviewed, the city will schedule follow-up meetings to provide more information about funding and next steps.

What do you need to do to get your free sewer inspection?

- To get your free sewer inspection, contact the city's contractor, SEH, as soon as possible to arrange a date and time to have your sewer connection inspected. For the inspection you must:
 - Have an adult over 18 years of age home during the inspection to allow the city's contractors inside the home/property to conduct the inspection.
 - Before June 15, 2019, clear the area around your "vertical cleanout" stack in your basement
 to allow the contractors space to safely access and inspect the sewer connections. SEH will
 help you locate your stack if needed.
- Review the information about participating in this sanitary sewer system inspection, I & I demonstration project.
- If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 651-318-0350, visit https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sewer-utility-divison/current-projects or you can join us at one of our informational meetings about this sewer inspection project. See information below:

Neighborhood Informational Meeting:

Option #1: Tuesday, May 14 (6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:15 short presentation)

Option #2: Saturday, May 18 (1:00 - 2:30 p.m. 1:15 short presentation)

Location: The Wellstone Center (Auditorium), 179 Robie Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55107

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this sanitary sewer project,

Saint Paul Public Works Sewer Utility and SEH Sewer Testing Crew 651-318-0350

