



Sanitary Sewer Pipelining on Grand Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Macalester Street March 16 – 19, 2026

March 2, 2026

Dear Saint Paul resident, business, and/or property owner,

Saint Paul Public Works Sewer Utility will be doing work to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer that serves Grand Avenue. The sanitary sewer will be repaired by installing a new pipe liner inside the existing sewer line as part of the Grand Avenue Reconstruction project.

The sewer work required the completion of the Grand Avenue roadway before the contractor could proceed with the sewer lining work. Additionally, to reduce overall impacts this work has been scheduled to occur during the Macalester College spring break and before the Grand Avenue and Snelling intersection construction. We realize this causes disruption for residents and the businesses on Grand Avenue again and appreciate your patience.

What is happening?

The City of Saint Paul has hired Insituform to do the pipelining work. During the work, Grand Avenue will be open to traffic; however, no parking signs will be posted, and Wheeler Street and Cambridge Street will have closures at Grand Avenue.

Sewer liner construction is done without excavation by accessing the sanitary sewer through the existing utility covers (manholes) in the street. To learn more about the pipelining process, visit the project webpage at stpaul.gov/SewerLining.

When is it happening?

The sewer pipelining work on Grand Avenue will occur from March 16 – 19, 2026 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **If your house, business, or property will be directly impacted by the sewer pipelining, you will receive two notifications—one about a week before the work occurs and one the day before and/or day the work occurs.** Notices may be placed on your front door.

If your house, business, or property is in the surrounding area, but will not be directly impacted by the work, you will not receive any additional notifications or information.



Where is the work happening?

- March 16: Both sides of Grand Avenue between Macalester Street and Cambridge Street
- March 17: North side of Grand Avenue between Cambridge Street and Wheeler Street
- March 18: South side of Grand Avenue between Cambridge Street and Wheeler Street
- March 19: South side of Grand Avenue between Wheeler Street and Fairview Avenue

Map showing the staging of the work as described above. The green lines indicate the sanitary sewer pipes—there are separate pipes for the north and south side of Grand Avenue.

For a larger map, visit stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue.



What you need to do in advance of the work

- Watch for notifications from the contractor—check your front door.
- Prepare in advance for impacts to your home or business and the use of your sanitary sewer. Impacted properties will not be able to flush toilets, shower, wash dishes, do laundry, or run water down their drains. **Sewer use will be restricted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day work is occurring on your block.** The contractor will notify you shortly before work starts and when work is completed and you can use your sewer line again.
- Please share this sewer lining information with renters, tenants, employees, and visitors to your property.
- Follow all posted signs, including no parking signs. No parking signs will be posted on Grand Avenue and on side streets at least 24 hours in advance of this work.
- Grand Avenue will remain open to traffic during this work, but parking will be restricted.
- Cambridge Street and Wheeler Street will be closed at Grand Avenue during the sewer lining work.

What you need to do/know during the sewer lining work in your neighborhood

- If your sewer pipe is being lined (see map above), your sewer service will be blocked and temporarily out of service during active work. You will be notified about this temporary service disruption shortly before work starts and when work is completed. Plan for no sanitary sewer service from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day.
- All properties receiving this letter, should pour one gallon of water into all floor drains

(typically located in the basement) to restrict potential odors. See image at left and learn more about floor drains at stpaul.gov/SewerLining.

- If your property is impacted, restrict water usage, including flushing the toilet, showering, running the dishwasher or washing machine, and running water down the drain during your scheduled sewer lining day. Too much water usage during this work will cause your sewer to backup into your property.
- If you notice a strong glue-like odor inside your property or experience any sewer problems, contact Insituform Field Engineer Bruce White at 612-225-0041 or Sewer Utility Project Engineer Amy Scherer Honigs at 651-266-9720



What is the cost?

There is no cost to property owners. The project is funded by the Sewer Utility.

Questions and more information

To view more information about pipelining, visit stpaul.gov/SewerLining.

For a larger map of the sewer pipelining schedule and more information for impacted businesses, visit stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue.

For questions about the work or issues during the pipelining, contact Amy Scherer Honigs at 651-266-9720 or Amy.Scherer.Honigs@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Sincerely,
Saint Paul Sewer Utility