SANITARY SEWER BACK UP PREVENTION PROGRAM

The city of Peoria offers a gate/check valve or the overhead sewer line programs to prevent sanitary sewer backups during heavy rains.

The gate/check valve program reimburses a property owner 75% of the cost to purchase and install the combination gate-check valve. Applicants can receive reimbursement up to a maximum of $1,200.

The overhead sewer program consists of a more substantial plumbing conversion and sump pump installation to raise the sanitary sewer pipe outlet from the building to an elevation above the sewer main in the street. The overhead sewer program reimburses 75% of project costs up to a maximum reimbursement of $3,500.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Q: Do I have to pay prevailing wage?
A: Yes. Any project that uses City funding must pay the prevailing wage in accordance with State of Illinois Statutes.

Q: Who’s responsible for the permits?
A: The property owner or contractor is responsible for obtaining all permits. Typically permits are requested for sidewalk and street work or lane closures.

Q: My repair work has been completed am I still eligible for the program?
A: No. Property owners must be accepted into the program prior to starting work to be eligible for the program.

REACH OUT

City of Peoria
Public Works Department
3505 North Dries Lane, Peoria, Ill. 61604
309-494-8800
publicworks@peoriagov.org

QUICK NOTE

Some, but not all of the City of Peoria’s public sanitary sewers are owned by the City, others are owned by the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) on Darst Street.

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FOR SEWER EMERGENCIES

First call GPSD and report your situation. Describe the issue and leave your contact information with the automated system. The district will determine if the public sewer or private sewer lateral are the issue.

24/7 Sewer Support:
309-370-8088

Non-emergency Support:
M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
309-637-3511, ext. 4844
309-272-4844

GPSD will inspect the public sanitary sewer mainline that serves the property at no cost to the property owner. If a problem is found with the public sewer, it will be repaired as soon as possible, however, if it’s clear, the property owner will be notified that the problem is on the privately owned sewer.

For private sewer issues, property owners can seek bids and hire a licensed and bonded contractor to make repairs.

Sewer system emergencies can include wastewater backups into a home or business, overflowing manholes, broken sewer pipes, etc.

PROGRAM SEQUENCE

1) Property owner photographs and documents the issue, then either contacts GPSD (in an emergency) or Public Works (during non-emergency situations).
2) City will review the information and forward to GPSD to inspect the mainline (if not done already).
3) If the issue is with the private lateral, and the project meets program requirements, Public Works will send a program application and agreement to the property owner.
4) Owner then seeks three bids from licensed contractors and completes all application paperwork.
5) The owner submits all paperwork and photos of the project area.
6) The City reviews the application to see if the issues meets all program requirements.
7) If accepted, the property owner will receive an acceptance letter which will show the reimbursement amount (up to 75%) based on the lowest bid.
8) Construction begins.
9) Once construction is complete, the property owner must pay the contractor the full amount.
10) Owner must then take photos of the completed work and submit them to the City and include a copy of the paid invoice and reimbursement request form.
11) Public Works Department reviews and processes reimbursement request, then sends the reimbursement, if applicable (process can take five to seven weeks).

DISCLOSURE

Programs outlined in this flyer are for properties connected to public sewers owned by the City. If the public sewer is owned by GPSD, property owners must contact them at 309-637-3511, ext. 4844.

WILDCAT SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM

A wildcat sewer lateral is a private sewer lateral that has more than one service connected to it before it connects to the public main. The City’s Wildcat Sewer Lateral Program will reimburse property owners 75% up to $7,500 for separating or repairing a wildcat lateral.

SEWER LATERALS

If a private sewer lateral in the public right of way needs to be repaired, the City will pay for the cost of materials only for flowable fill to be placed under the public sidewalk and street. Contractors should call Peoria Public Works at for more information.

Currently there are no City programs that support sewer lateral repairs that need to be made entirely on private property.

Depending on City staff and budget constraints, an engineering consultant may manage the program.