

Santa Cruz County Sewer Lateral Program – Building Permits

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1. Sewer Lateral Video

- Required when adding conditioned square footage or additional drainage fixture unit connections to an existing private sewer.
- The applicant shall have a licensed plumbing contractor submit a video inspection of the private building sewer for review by the Sanitation District.
- Video inspection and submittal criteria can be found [here](#).

2. Review

- Sanitation District staff shall review all video inspection submittals within 10 business days.
- Sanitation District staff shall issue a comments document outlining any defects requiring repairs to the submitting contractor.
- If no defects are identified in the private sewer, the inspection comments document shall be given a “no repairs are required at this time” designation.

3. Building Permit Application

- If no defects were identified, the applicant shall include the county comments document indicating that no repairs are required as part of their pre-application clearance submittal.
- If defects were identified, the applicant shall include clear layouts, notes, and details on their building permit site plans indicating the locations and requirements for repairs. Notes must specifically address all video inspection repair comments issued by District staff and indicate that the repairs must be inspected by the Sanitation District.

Exemptions:

- Sewers that were entirely constructed or replaced within the past 20 years are not required to submit a video inspection. (documentation required)
- Sewers that have completed the requirements of the lateral program within the past 20 years are not required to submit a video inspection. Completion of the lateral program include either a video inspection submittal that has received a “no work required” designation or has had all defects repaired under a Sanitation District permit. (documentation required)
- Sewers that shall be entirely replaced up the connection to the public sewer main as part of the building permit’s scope of work are not required to submit a video inspection. Clear notes indicating the location of the full lateral replacement must be on the site plans.