

**REAR YARD SANITARY SEWER
RECONNECTION PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Who did the work?

Applicant Contractor

If applicant did the work,

total material cost = \$ _____

(Reimbursed for 50% of material only)

- OR -

Contractor Name: _____

Contractor Phone: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

(Reimbursed for 50% of total cost)

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT

\$2,500.00

OFFICE USE ONLY

Contractor insurance on file? Yes No

Total of receipt (Attached) \$ _____

Reimbursement Amount \$ _____

DPW Permit No. _____

Drawing of sewer lead

reroute submitted? Y N

Approved? Y N

Staff initial: _____

Date: _____

Account Number 590-558.000-801.000



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Mt. Pleasant**



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**Rear Yard
Sanitary Sewer
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Rear Yard Sanitary Sewer Lead Program

The Sanitary Sewer Reconnection Program is an incentive-based program that provides a credit to property owners who need to reconnect their sanitary sewer lead from the rear yard location to the front of the house where it can be tied into the City's sewer main. When a rear yard sewer lead needs to be replaced, the City now requires the property owner to abandon the rear yard sewer and reconnect to the main line in front of the property.

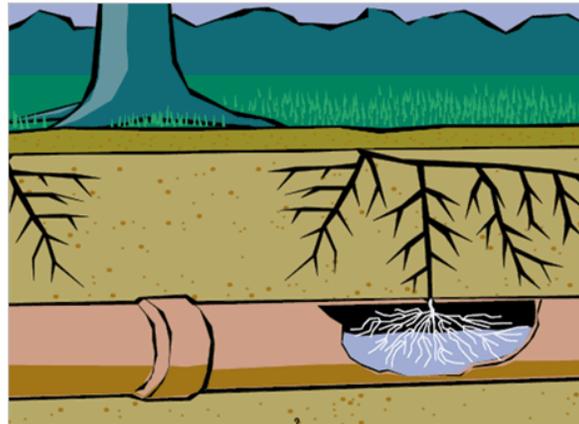
Why was this program created?

In a number of areas within the city, the homeowner's sewer lead is located at the rear property line. When the sewer lead fails or needs repair, the lead's rear yard location makes access to it more difficult and can substantially increase the homeowner's repair costs. The City has constructed new sanitary sewer main lines in the street right-of-way in some of these same locations, yet many homes still have rear yard sewer connections. The goal of this program is the eventual elimination of all rear yard sewer connections.



Why should I be concerned?

Simply stated, sanitary sewer leads deteriorate toward the end of their useful life. Existing sewer lead pipes can be as much as 30-100 years old and were typically made of clay, iron, or coal tar wood fiber pipe (also known as Orangeburg pipe). The mortar used to seal the joints between sections of pipe also deteriorates over time, causing the pipe to become misaligned. The misalignment allows tree roots to intrude into the pipe, disrupting the normal flow of sewage out of your home. If this occurs, the sewage will backup into your floor drain, basement or shower, creating an expensive and unpleasant cleanup. Sanitary sewer backups are most often caused by a misaligned or deteriorated sewer lead pipes.



Who is eligible?

Homeowners who meet all of the following criteria are eligible for this program.

- Reside in an area where the abandonment of the rear yard sewer is planned;
- Have a rear yard sanitary sewer lead that must be replaced due to deterioration, tree root invasion, collapse, etc.

Is there a deadline?

There is no deadline at the present time.

What is the incentive amount?

Homeowners who participate in the program will be reimbursed 50% of the replacement costs, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Questions?

If you have a question about the program or a concern about your rear yard sewer lead, please call the Engineering Department at 779-5401, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

