

System Rehabilitation Program

The Stege Sanitary District is over 100 years old and much of its sewer pipe infrastructure is over 50 years old. The System Rehabilitation Program (SRP) is an ongoing program designed to maintain the collection system in a serviceable condition for current and future generations of District customers.

The District alerts residents whenever District contractors will be performing sewer repair or replacement on their street or in an easement on their property. Residents first receive a letter. Then, 24 to 48 hours before work is scheduled to begin, door hangers are placed on the front doors of all residences. Finally, immediately before work is scheduled to begin, notices appear on the street. If you receive a letter from the District, or see a door hanger alerting you to work, please don't ignore it.

To see all ongoing sewer projects in your neighborhood, visit www.stegesan.org/services/projects. **S**



Always Get at Least Three Quotes

A sewer lateral is the pipe that carries wastewater from your house to the sewer main. The sewer main is generally located in the street, but it may also be located in a sewer easement on your property. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their lateral up to and including the point where the lateral connects to the sewer main.

If your house was built before 1970, chances are your sewer lateral needs repair. If you are experiencing frequent sewer backups, you will probably need to have your lateral

repaired or replaced. Trees, nearby heavy underbrush, or shrubs, may also cause root intrusion that damages sewer laterals.

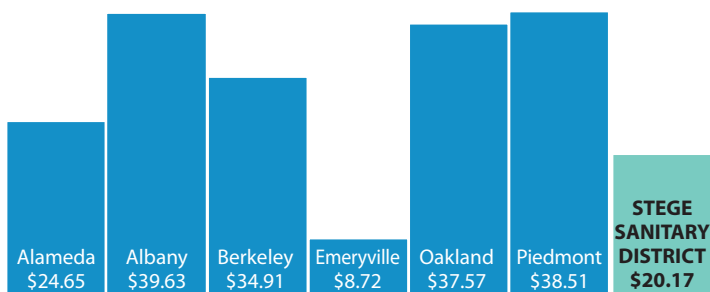
A plumber will be able to determine the condition of your lateral. Many plumbers provide free estimates for their work based on a Closed Circuit Television Video (CCTV) of your lateral.

Always get at least three estimates for work before deciding on a plumber to do the necessary repair or replacement. The

District maintains a list of contractors registered to work in the District on its website, www.stegesan.org. **S**



Monthly Sewer Service Charge Comparison



Sewer service charges cover the cost of the operation, maintenance, and capital improvements to the sanitary sewer system. Stege Sanitary District collects and delivers sewer flows to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) for wastewater treatment. Sewer service charges are collected through the annual property tax bills issued by the County.

The District's sewer service charge remains one of the lowest in the EBMUD service area. Unlike other jurisdictions, Stege Sanitary District's monthly sewer service charge was unchanged in 2017.


Holiday Toy Program and Food Drive

For over two decades, Stege Sanitary District has joined the Richmond/El Cerrito firefighters in making holidays a little brighter for children in the community by participating in an annual toy program. This year, the District will also accept food donations for Thanksgiving.

The decision to do even more to help the community during the holidays arose out of an encounter earlier in the year. Administrative Supervisor Kary Richardson was at the front desk when a District resident came in to discuss problems she was having with her sewer. During the conversation, Kary discovered that the customer not only didn't have money for a plumber, she didn't have money for food.

That is when staff decided they wanted to do something to help those in the community who were facing food insecurity. Dennis Wright volunteered to organize and supervise a food drive in addition to doing the same for the toy drive. The food collected will be distributed to those in need by the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry. The pantry is a non-profit organization that has been providing emergency food packages to the community since 1971.


A food collection barrel is set up in the lobby of the District's office at 7500 Schmidt Lane in El Cerrito. Tomato sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, dried beans, rice, peanut butter, and other canned foods can be dropped off Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday until 4:00 pm.

New, unwrapped toys and monetary donations to the Holiday Toy Program can also be dropped off at the District office anytime of the year. Toys for preteens and teens, including board games, puzzles, and balls, are especially needed. 




Don't Forget

Don't Pour Oil Down the Drain

If you pour oil from deep frying your holiday turkey down the drain, you can cause a sewer blockage. Instead, recycle the oil by bringing it to the El Cerrito Recycling Center at 7501 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, which is next door to the Stege Sanitary District's main office. 




www.steges.org


Find the latest announcements; a list of registered plumbing contractors; sewer permit and fee information; Board meeting schedule, minutes, and agenda; and FAQs on the District's website, www.steges.org. 

Don't Connect Roof or Yard Drains to the Sanitary Sewer System



Piping runoff water into your sanitary system, either from house gutters or a sump pump, is illegal. To do so violates District regulations and other federal and local ordinances. Any illegal drain(s) must be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system and re-routed to the appropriate storm drainage system. Please contact the City (or the County for Kensington) for assistance with storm runoff requirements. 

Sewer Easements

Over 26% of the sanitary sewer lines in the District are located on private property in easements or reserves that were established when the lands in the area were subdivided. Property owners may NOT construct permanent structures over these easements as it restricts District access to the sewers. To find out if you have a sewer easement on your property, call the District at (510) 524-4667 during business hours. 



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Spotlight on Service Special Districts

What Is a Special District?

Independent special districts are sanctioned under California Law for the performance of local governmental functions within specified boundaries. Agencies range in size from small to very large and often cross political boundary lines, such as city and county borders, to serve a common community of interest. There is a clear identification between agency name and services provided, which has resulted in a high level of accountability and responsibility to the public, and a high degree of customer satisfaction. As such, they are an integral part of local government and contribute significantly to the quality of life in the communities they serve.

The Stege Sanitary District is an independent Special District of the State of California as reorganized under the Sanitary District Act of 1923. The District is a public agency administered by a duly elected five member Board of Directors. **S**

Stege Joins the Parade



On September 16, the City of El Cerrito celebrated its 100th anniversary as a city with a parade that started on San Pablo Avenue and continued through the city to Cerrito Vista Park.

Three District Board members carried a sign celebrating the District's own founding four years before the City of El Cerrito.

Stege Sanitary District is one of the oldest special districts in the state. It was formed in 1913 to provide sewer service to the then rural area on the Alameda-Contra Costa border.

The District serves the City of El Cerrito, the unincorporated community of Kensington and part of Richmond Annex. **S**