

## How the District Maintains the Wastewater System

District crews hydro-clean the Sewer Main pipes using a high pressure water jet and vacuum combination cleaner (Vac-Con).



**VAC-CON – Sewer Pipe Cleaning Truck**

The District utilizes a specially equipped Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) van to inspect the inside of the District Sewer Main pipes to determine the need for necessary repair work.



**CCTV VAN – Sewer Pipe Inspection Van**



## About Us

The Montecito Sanitary District is an Independent Special District voted into existence in 1947 by the residents of Montecito to provide for the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater. Independent Special Districts are a form of local government created by a community to meet a specific need. The District maintains 81 miles of Sewer Main pipe and four sewer lift stations in addition to the wastewater treatment plant.

## Mission Statement

A community service commitment to protect public health and safety and to preserve the natural environment through the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater in the most cost-effective way possible.

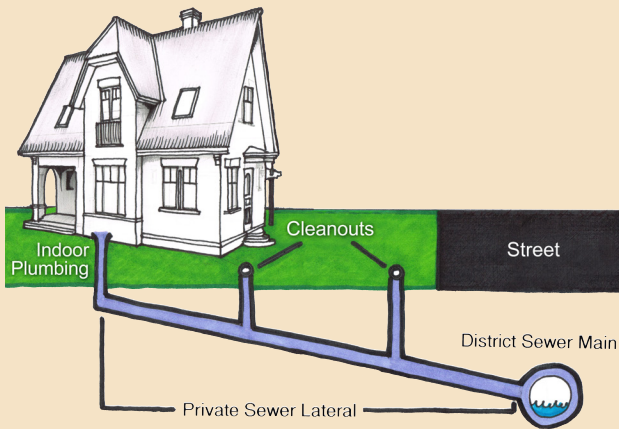
# Your Sewer Lateral and the Wastewater Collection System



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## The Customer and District Responsibilities

The customer is responsible for the proper functioning of the sewer lateral from the house to the District Sewer Main as shown below.



## Your Sewer Lateral

Typically, a single family residence will have a four inch pipe (sewer lateral) from the house to the District Sewer Main. A commercial establishment or a multiple residential unit may have a six inch or larger diameter lateral.

A gravity sewer lateral slopes down towards the sewer main to drain the wastewater from the residence.



## Lateral Cleanout Cover

Generally there should be two or more sewer lateral cleanouts on your property, one near the residence and another at the property line. The sewer lateral cleanout allows plumbing contractors access to your sewer lateral for service and inspection. Your sewer lateral cleanout has a metal cover marked SEWER (shown above) and is typically 6"-8" in diameter. It is important that your sewer lateral cleanout covers remain clear of debris and landscaping and remain exposed.

## What Can Cause Problems or a Stoppage in Your Sewer Lateral?

- Roots from nearby trees or large shrubs can sometimes enter at joints or broken pipe sections.
- Offset or separated joints in the pipe or broken pipe can disrupt the flow of your wastewater.
- Improper use can cause obstruction if items such as small objects, large amounts of paper, non-disposable wipes, and grease etc. are put down the drain.
- Connections or structural problems that allow rainwater to enter your sewer lateral can also disrupt the flow of your wastewater.

## What to do if you experience sewer problems?

If you are experiencing any sewer problems, such as slow running drains, drains backing up, or odors, contact the Montecito Sanitary District at **969-4200**. Our staff will help you in determining the problem and assist you in the process of having a plumbing contractor repair or replace your sewer lateral if necessary. You may be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 for your sewer lateral repairs by participating in the District's Sewer Lateral Rehabilitation Program.