

Protecting San Francisco Bay begins in the pipes of East Bay homes

New rules affecting home and property owners are phased in this summer and fall

Leaky sewer pipes are a problem for everyone in the East Bay.

When too much rainwater seeps into the ground and enters the sanitary sewer system through leaky pipes, it can overwhelm wastewater treatment facilities, result in releases of partially treated sewage into San Francisco Bay and threaten public health.

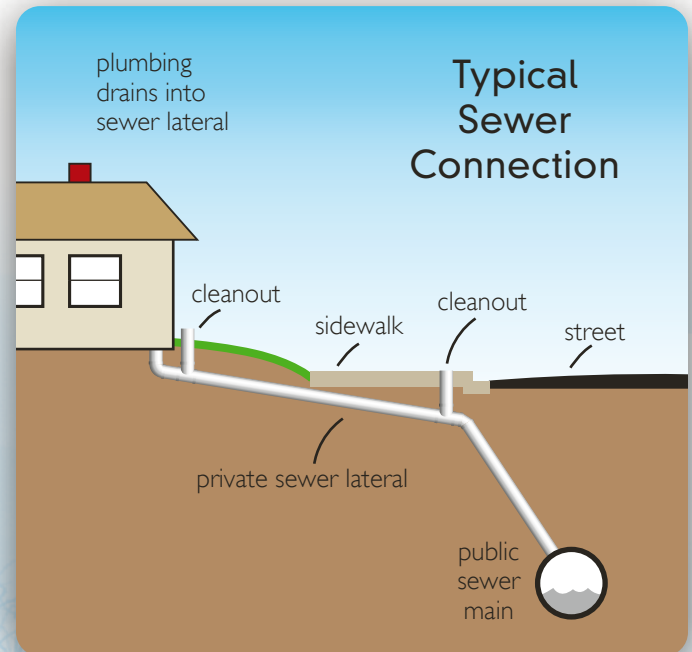
Almost half of the sanitary sewer pipes in the East Bay belong to private property owners. Most area homes built decades ago still have their original private sewer laterals. These pipes connect homes and businesses to main sewer lines. Over time, many of these pipes have cracked, been damaged by ground movement or tree roots and developed leaks and blockages.

Fixing leaky sewer pipes protects the Bay from pollutants.

EBMUD, six East Bay cities and one sewer district are working together with home and property owners to repair old, cracked sewer pipes. The Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program is a joint effort to protect San Francisco Bay today and for future generations.

Beginning this summer, property owners in Emeryville and Piedmont are required to inspect and repair leaky sewer pipes on their property when a home is sold or remodeled. A program

affecting Oakland property owners will start this winter. Similar programs are already in effect in Alameda, Albany and Berkeley. The area served by Stege Sanitary District, which includes El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond Annex, has a program in place that will be modified in October.



Property owners in the affected cities will be required to obtain a compliance certificate from EBMUD to prove their private sewer laterals are not leaky if they:

- sell the property.
- build or remodel in excess of \$100,000.
- change the size of the water meter serving their property.

Visit www.eastbaypsl.com to learn more about the East Bay Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program and how the new ordinances might affect you.

Crews on the street fix aging pipes underneath

Every day, your water district is at work replacing and repairing broken and leaking pipelines in East Bay communities. The main water lines underneath your neighborhood street can break at any time of the day or year.

The East Bay's vast water distribution infrastructure is decades old in most areas, and almost a century old in some neighborhoods.

As infrastructure ages, it takes more work to make sure dependable water supplies arrive at your tap. EBMUD manages infrastructure maintenance cost-effectively, safely and with the least disruption possible for ratepayers like you. Annually, EBMUD proactively replaces more than eight miles of water distribution pipeline and makes more than 23,000 preventative maintenance repairs.



When you see an EBMUD crew on your street or in your neighborhood repairing or replacing water pipelines, remember:

- ⚠️ This is a construction zone. Public safety is our highest priority. Orange cones and barricades keep you out and keep you safe.
- ⚠️ Worker safety is our priority, too. You may see EBMUD workers directing traffic, acting as spotters and practicing a variety of safety measures. When driving past a work site, **slow down!**
- ⚠️ If pipelines break, brief water service interruptions to your home and business may be unavoidable. If your water is shut off while crews work in your neighborhood, use your emergency water supply until repairs are made and service is turned back on.
- ⚠️ If you see a broken hydrant, flooding in the street or into local creeks, or suspicious activity, report it by calling 1-866-40-EBMUD. Maintenance crews are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

East Bay businesses prove their water smarts

EBMUD works closely with business customers and recognizes those that have implemented water-efficient best practices through the WaterSmart Certification Program. This year, these 17 businesses achieved outstanding water efficiency by upgrading to high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, fixing leaks and installing drought-tolerant landscaping. They have saved a combined total of 6.1 million gallons of water!

- Alameda Municipal Power, Alameda
- Annie's Annuals & Perennials, Richmond
- Autumn Press, Inc., Berkeley
- Berkeley Bob's/Bob's Volvoland, Berkeley
- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, Berkeley
- BMT International, Oakland

- Contra Costa Association of Realtors, Walnut Creek
- The David Brower Center, Berkeley
- Grandma's Garage, Berkeley
- Hesperian Cleaners, San Lorenzo
- Levitch Associates, Berkeley
- McCutcheon Construction, Berkeley
- Oakland Pallet Company, Inc., San Lorenzo
- Peterson Power Systems, San Leandro
- Revolution Foods, Oakland
- Rockridge Homes, Oakland
- StopWaste.org, Oakland



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To manage the natural resources with which the District is entrusted; to provide reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay; and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations.