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UPPER LATERAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District (District) offers a reimbursement-based, upper lateral replacement program. The upper lateral is the portion of the sewer pipe that runs from just outside the exterior of the building to the property line and is the responsibility of the homeowner. For a visual explanation of sewer lateral terminology, see Figure 1 on page 2 of this packet.

The purpose of the Upper Lateral Program is to encourage homeowners to repair damaged sewer laterals to protect their home from sewer backups and to decrease the amount of groundwater and stormwater that can infiltrate into sewer pipes.

If you are currently experiencing issues with your sewer lateral, had issues in the past, or are just interested in repairing your sewer lateral, you could be eligible for reimbursement through the Upper Lateral Program. The program offers partial reimbursement for replacing or fixing your upper lateral, installing the required sewer cleanouts, and if necessary, a backflow prevention device.

This packet contains the following documents for your use:

1. Page 2: Figure 1 shows the upper lateral and lower lateral.
2. Page 3: To understand how the upper lateral program works, see the flowchart titled "Upper Lateral Program Process" included in this packet.
3. Page 4: If the "Frequently Asked Questions" document doesn't answer your question, contact the District at 707-644-8949, or check our website at www.vallejowastewater.org. The website also includes a list of contractors that frequently perform work under the Upper Lateral Program.
4. Page 5: Use the "Reimbursement Amounts" document to understand the potential reimbursement you may receive based on the length of lateral being replaced.
5. Page 6: To apply, fill out the "Pre-Evaluation Questionnaire for Upper Lateral Program and Grant Right of Entry" form included in this packet and return it to the District by emailing admin@vallejowastewater.org.

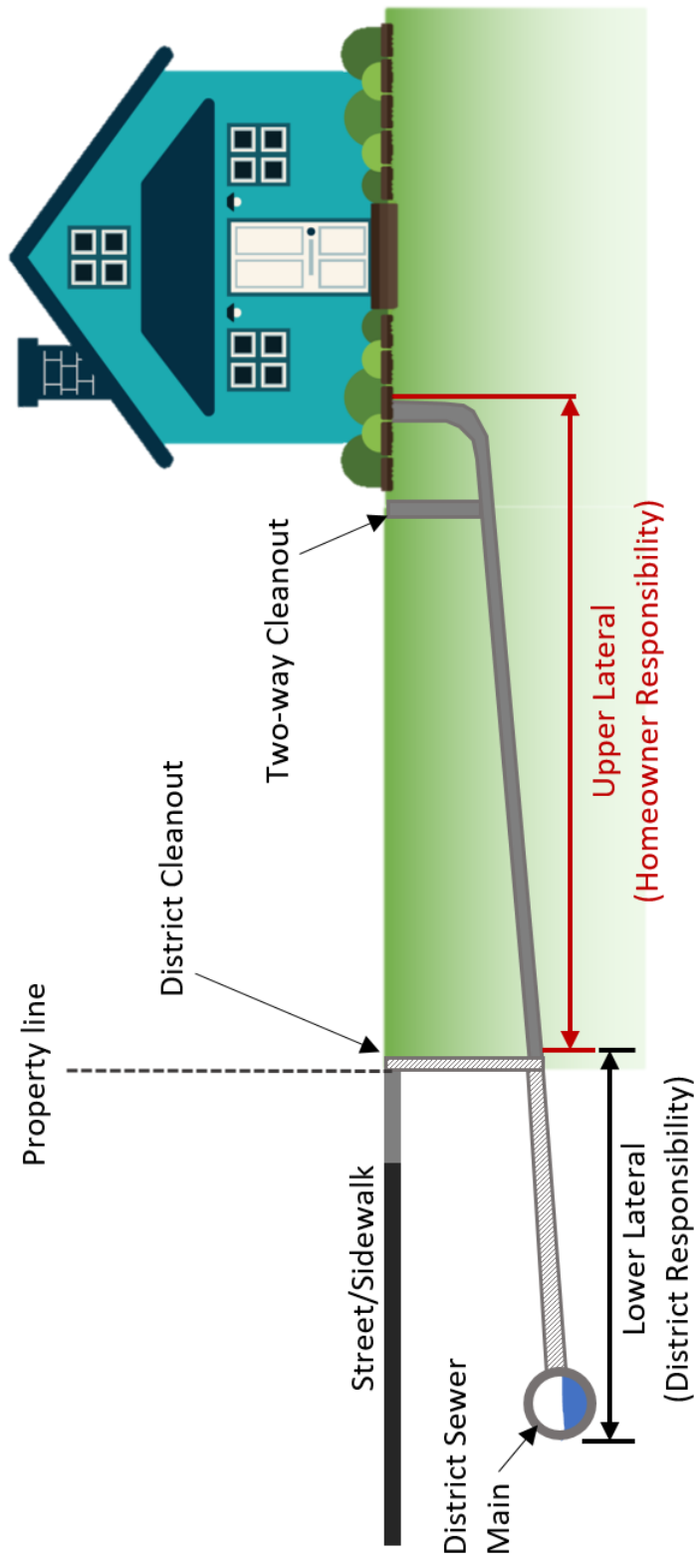
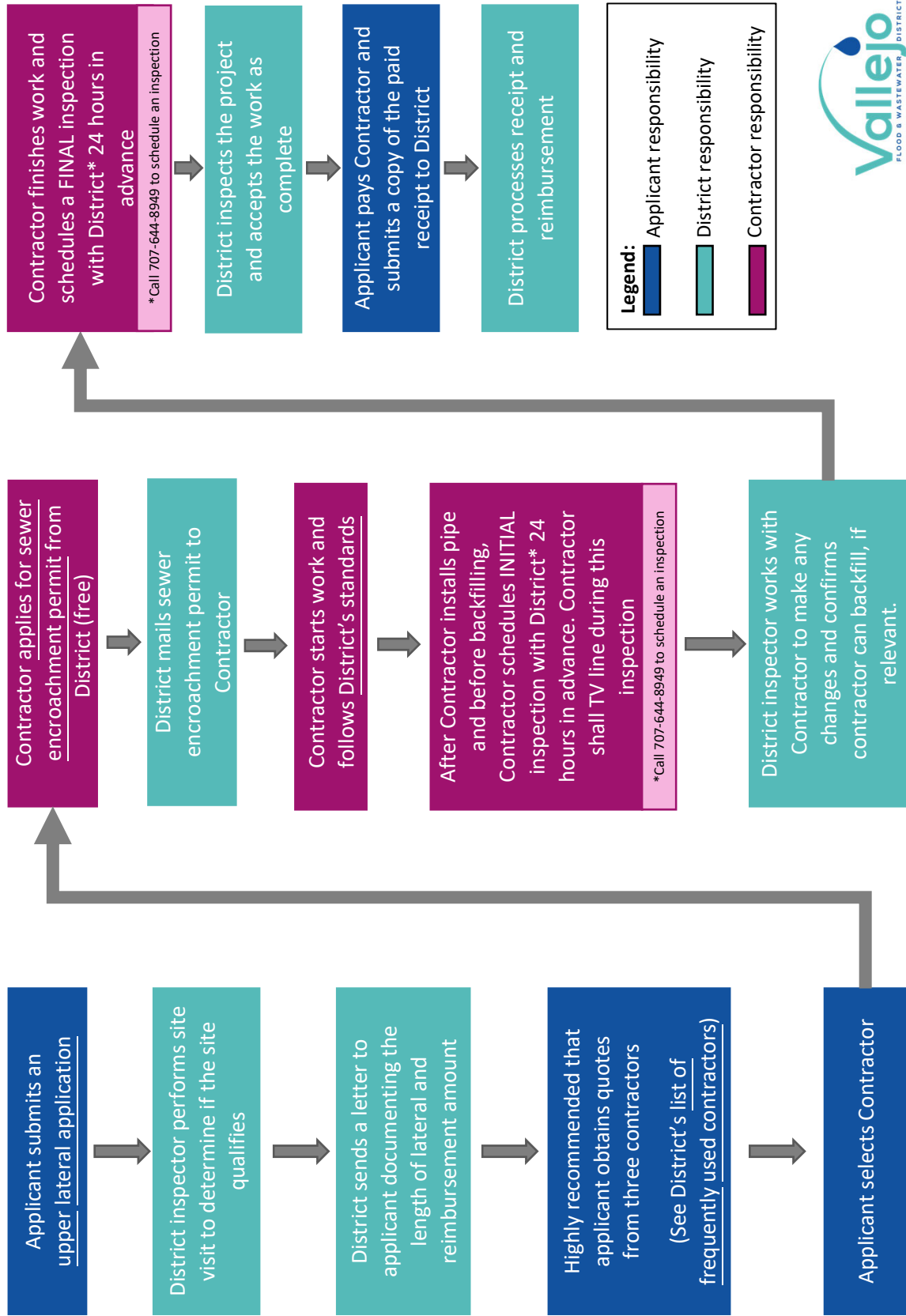


Figure 1. Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District Upper and Lower Lateral Terminology

UPPER LATERAL PROGRAM PROCESS





UPPER LATERAL PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DO I DO IF MY LATERAL IS PLUGGED?

CALL THE DISTRICT FIRST AT (707) 644-8949, any time, day or night. District crews will determine if the backup in the lateral is caused by a problem in the public sewer. If the problem is in the public sewer, the District will correct the problem. If the problem is in the upper lateral on your property, the District will recommend that you call a plumber. Your plumber **MUST** obtain a sewer encroachment permit from the District before repairs are made. If the plumber finds that the problem is *actually* in the public sewer, the District will correct the problem and reimburse you for the cost of the plumber's investigations.

WHAT DOES THE UPPER LATERAL PROGRAM EVALUATION CONSIST OF?

The evaluation includes a review of past and current problems with your lateral and an inspection of the lateral. Points are given for specific criteria to determine if the lateral qualifies for the program.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY LATERAL DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

If your lateral doesn't qualify, the District does not consider repairs necessary. Any work you may want to do on the lateral will be your own choice and at your own cost. You may request to have your lateral evaluated again in the future.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY LATERAL DOES QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

See the "Upper Lateral Program Process" flowchart for step-by-step process. Each property is only entitled to be reimbursed once for the repair of the lateral and cleanouts. Any future repairs will be your responsibility.

CAN I ASK THE DISTRICT TO EVALUATE MY LATERAL IF IT ISN'T PLUGGED?

Yes, the District will schedule a free evaluation upon your request and determine if your property qualifies.

WHO WILL PAY FOR REPAIRS?

As the property owner, you are responsible for all costs to repair your private lateral. If the District determines your lateral qualifies for the upper lateral program, you will receive a letter stating the reimbursement amount, and you will be reimbursed after you submit your paid invoice to the District.

CAN THE DISTRICT INCREASE MY REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT?

The reimbursement amount is based solely on the length of lateral being repaired, as shown in the "Reimbursement Amounts" on page 5 of this packet. The District recommends getting quotes from three contractors to find the contractor that works best for your situation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I ONLY NEED SEWER CLEANOUTS?

You can get reimbursed for installing a District Cleanout and a Two-Way Cleanout, see the Reimbursement Amounts on page 5. A sewer encroachment permit is needed prior to starting work. After work is completed and inspected, submit a paid invoice to the District to get reimbursed. You don't need a formal reimbursement letter to start the work. You can still apply to replace the upper lateral at a later date if needed.

IF THE DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT CLEANOUT (DCO), WILL DISTRICT STAFF INSTALL THE DCO?

No, that work will be performed by the contractor hired by the homeowner. The District will inspect the installation to make sure it meets District standards.

CAN I DO THE WORK MYSELF?

The District Cleanout must be installed by a contractor with a contracting license A (general) or C-42 (plumbing). All other work on the upper lateral must be installed per the District's standards, but there are no requirements regarding licensure.



Reimbursement Amounts

(Per Resolution 2015-5672)

Notes:

- 1) Upper Lateral Cleanout (ULCO or two-way cleanout) reimbursement is \$400.
- 2) District Cleanout (DCO) reimbursement is \$500.
- 3) Add \$25 per foot over 50 feet.

Length of Lateral, ft	Reimbursement
5	\$250
6	\$300
7	\$350
8	\$400
9	\$450
10	\$500
11	\$545
12	\$590
13	\$635
14	\$680
15	\$725
16	\$770
17	\$815
18	\$860
19	\$905
20	\$950
21	\$990
22	\$1030
23	\$1070
24	\$1110
25	\$1150
26	\$1190
27	\$1230

Length of Lateral, ft	Reimbursement
28	\$1270
29	\$1310
30	\$1350
31	\$1385
32	\$1420
33	\$1455
34	\$1490
35	\$1525
36	\$1560
37	\$1595
38	\$1630
39	\$1665
40	\$1700
41	\$1730
42	\$1760
43	\$1790
44	\$1820
45	\$1850
46	\$1880
47	\$1910
48	\$1940
49	\$1970
50	\$2000

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**PRE-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE FOR UPPER LATERAL PROGRAM AND GRANT OF
RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Submit via email to admin@vallejowastewater.org.

The sewer servicing the address listed below was installed (*please check one*):

- After 1990
- Between 1990 and 1975
- Between 1975 and 1960
- Prior to 1960

The sewer servicing the address listed below had _____ number of blockages during the last twelve (12) months. (*Attach plumber's bill or other proof if you have it.*)

The cause of the blockages were (*please check and show the number of times of each occurrence*):

- Unknown _____ (*number of times*)
- Roots or Offsets _____ (*number of times*)
- Broken Pipe _____ (*number of times*)

Program Acknowledgment

By requesting to participate in the program, I understand sewer fee payments must be current and I agree to make all repairs the District identifies as necessary to correct the defects found.

Grant Right of Entry

I hereby grant Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District, or its contractor, the right to enter the real property listed below and perform testing and/or repair of the upper lateral. The District shall leave the property in the same condition as found or compensate owner appropriately.

Service Address (*street, city, zip code*) _____

Cross Street _____ Email Address _____

Name of Resident: _____ Name of Owner: _____

Owner's Address (*street, city, zip code*) _____

Owner's Phone _____ Site Phone (*if different*) _____

Owner's Signature _____ Date _____

Date received by District _____ APN# _____