

Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program

A Joint Effort by

**East Bay Municipal Utility District
Environmental Protection Agency
Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Regional PSL Program Overview

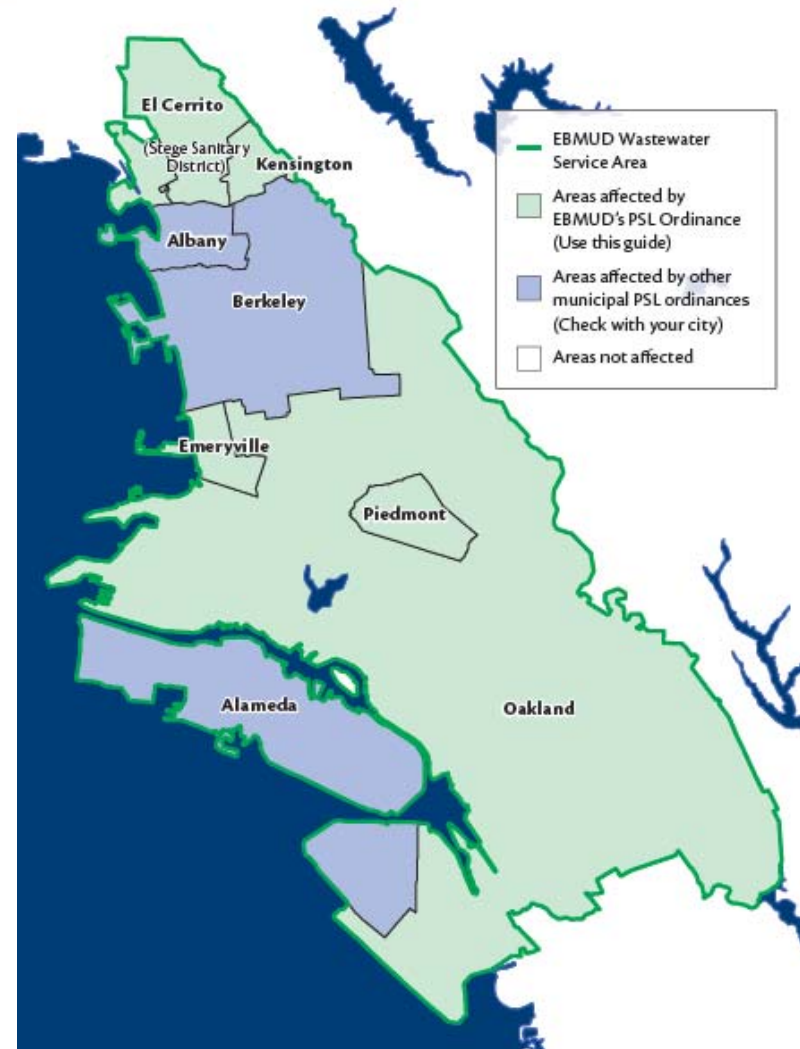
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Why is this program required?

- EPA and the State have required EBMUD and Cities to develop a Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program
- New State and Federal regulations require a reduction in the pollution of the San Francisco Bay.
- When old cracked sewer pipes do not function properly, stormwater flows enter the sewer system.
- Infiltration of rainwater can overwhelm wastewater treatment facilities and may cause partially treated or untreated sewage to be released into San Francisco Bay.

Who is affected?

- Oakland, Piedmont, Emeryville and the Stege Sanitary District.
 - *Albany, Alameda and Berkeley will manage their own programs.*
- Applies to all property types

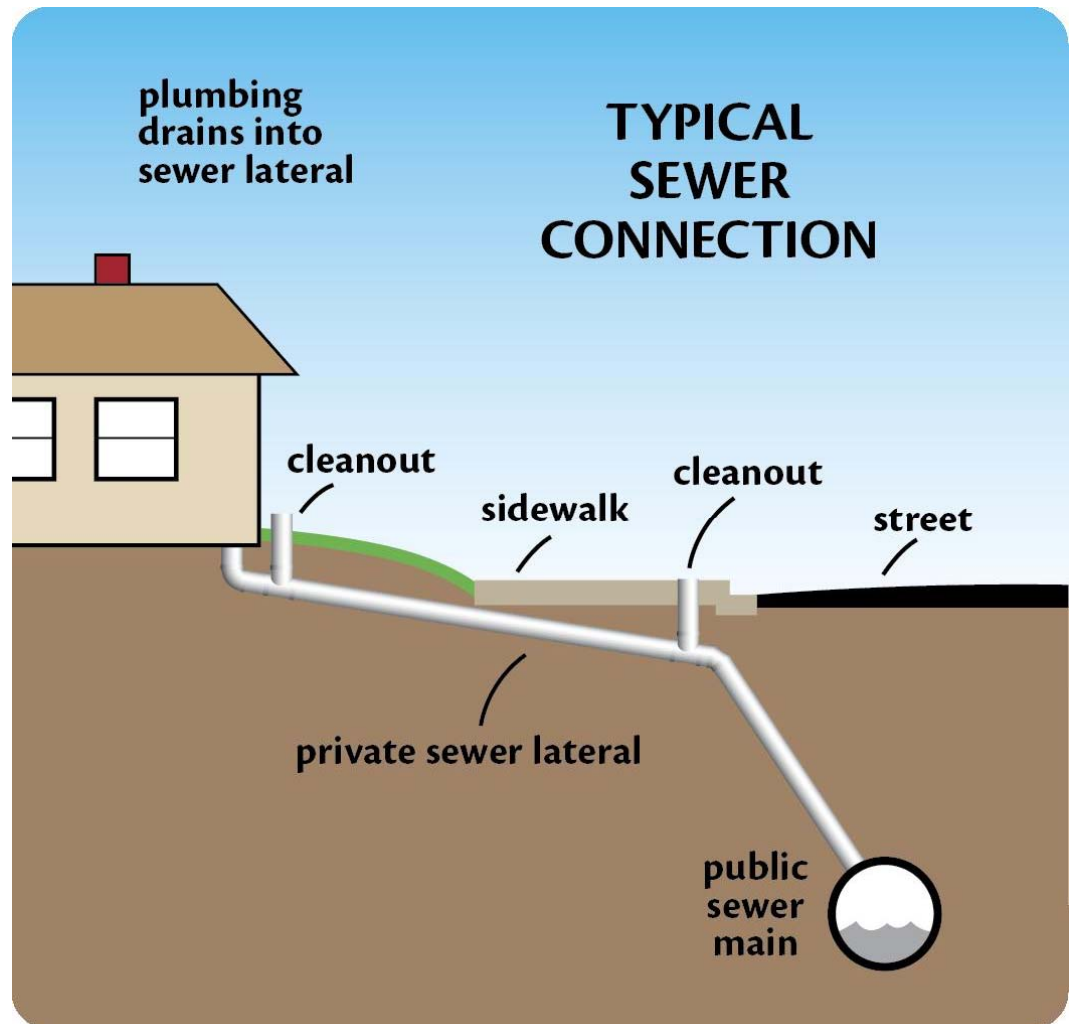


When will this program become effective ?

| AGENCY | START DATE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piedmont• Emeryville | August 22, 2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stege Sanitary District | October 17, 2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oakland | January 16, 2012 |

What is a private sewer lateral?

The pipe that transports waste from your property to the city's sewer system.



What does the new law require?

- Requires property owners to obtain a Compliance Certificate from EBMUD as proof that their private sewer laterals are without defects and improper connections when:



selling their property



performing construction or remodeling valued greater than \$100,000, or



increasing/decreasing water meter size

Special requirements / exemptions

1. Time extension - up to 6 mos. (*For Property Sale only and requires \$4500 to be deposited with EBMUD*)
2. Exemption - if the PSL is less than 10 years old
3. Multi-unit complexes with individually-owned units e.g. condominiums have a 10-year window to comply

What will you need to do?

Step 1: Check lateral condition

Step 2: Obtain city permits

Step 3: Have any required work done

Step 4: Schedule an EBMUD verification test

Step 5: Pass the verification test and print Certificate

Step 6: Present a copy of the Compliance Certificate
as part of your property-related transaction

Step 1: Check lateral condition

- Hire a plumbing contractor to check the lateral condition (usually done by video).
- If the lateral *does not* require repair, schedule an appointment for an EBMUD verification test.
- If it *does* require repair, plan and schedule the repair work.

Step 2: Obtain City Permits

- City permits are required for sewer work.
- Contractor may apply for permits on behalf of the property owner

Step 3: Complete required work

- The contractor will repair or replace your lateral.
- City will inspect the lateral to make sure it is in compliance with building codes and public works standards

Step 4: Schedule an EBMUD verification test online

- Schedule EBMUD verification test appointment online
 - Property owners or contractors may complete this step
 - EBMUD will verify that the fixed lateral does not leak.
- Pay \$150 Compliance Certificate fee
 - pay online with a credit card.
 - If no online access, pay with cash or check at EBMUD's Oakland Office.

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Property Address: 760 11TH ST OAKLAND Parcel Number: 002 -0009-022-00
Owner Name: Owner Email:
Owner Phone: EBMUD Acct. No.:

Reservation Request for PSL Inspection for Compliance Certificate

Please enter the following information (* = required):

Contractor Company that will perform the verification test*:
Contractor Phone*:
Contractor Mobile Phone:
Special Instructions:

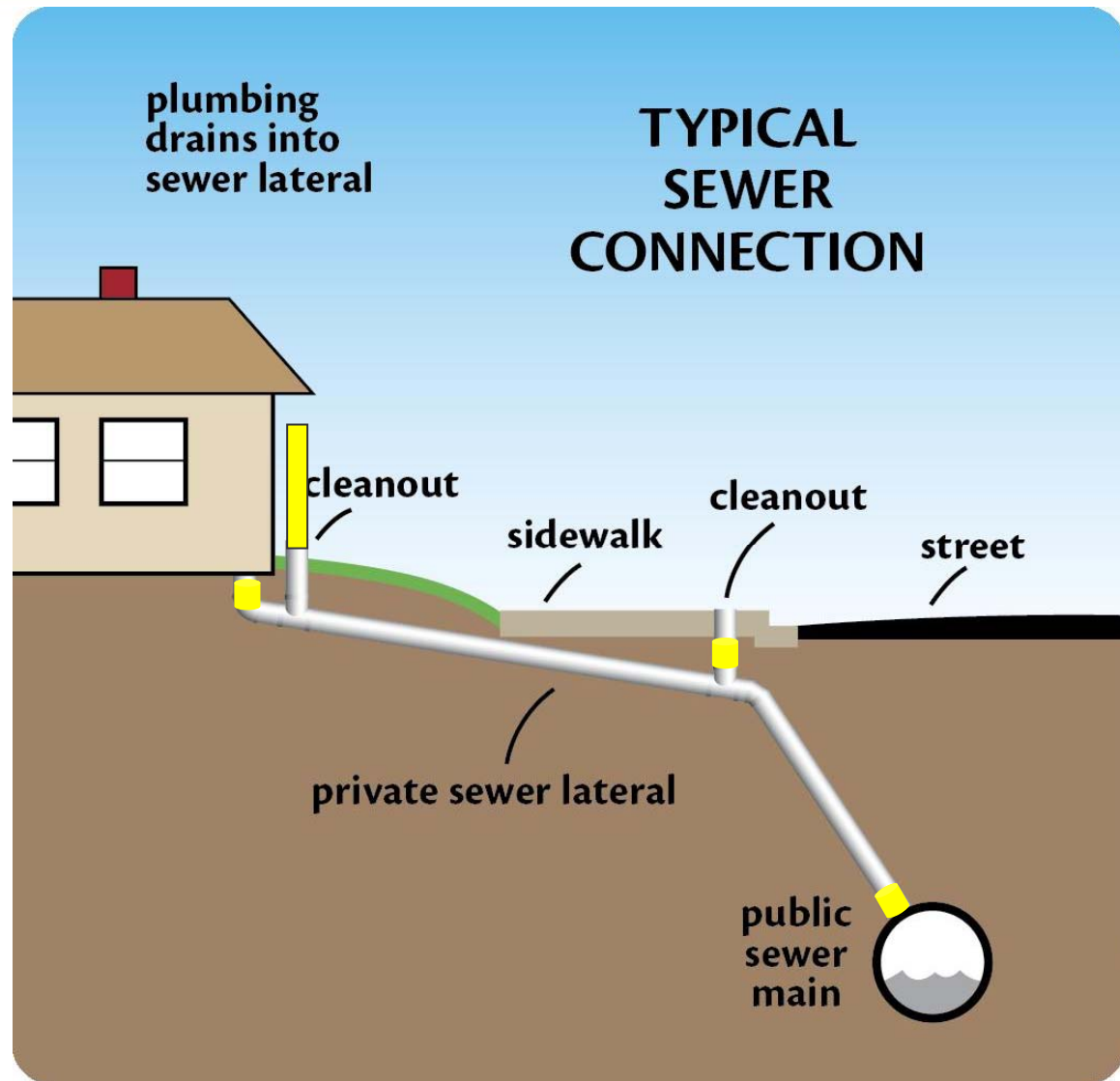
Please select an inspection appointment window from the following*:

(Contractor must be ready for the inspection at the beginning of the appointment window)
Warning: Any changed or cancelled reservation within 48 hours of the appointment will forfeit your fee. [Prev Weeks](#) [Next Weeks](#)

| | 5/31 | 6/1 | 6/2 | 6/3 | 6/4 | 6/5 | 6/6 | 6/7 | 6/8 | 6/9 | 6/10 | 6/11 | 6/12 | 6/13 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|
| | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon |
| 8 am to 11 am | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 am to 12 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

EBMUD verification test

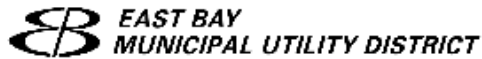
EBMUD will witness a water or air pressure test (verification test) to confirm that the repaired or replaced lateral is free of leaks.



Step 5: Pass Inspection and Print Compliance Certificate

- After passing verification test, the EBMUD inspector immediately sends the results to the PSL Online System.
- Your Compliance Certificate is ready to print or download.

Sample Compliance Certificate



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Compliance Certificate for Private Sewer Lateral

Parcel Address: **1234 ANY STREET, ANYCITY**
Parcel Number: **000-000-000-0**
Expiration Date: **11/17/2031**

Certificate Number: **888**
Issue Date: **11/17/2011**
Type: **Compliance: replaced Lateral**

Special Instructions:

Retain this PSL certificate for your records for any future parcel sale, remodel greater than \$100,000 or change of water meter size.

Step 6: Give a copy of your Compliance Certificate to:



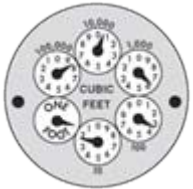
Your real estate agent -
so that you can transfer title,

or



the City Building Department -
to get your final building permit signed off,

or



to EBMUD New Business Office -
*to have the work order for your new
water meter processed.*

Compliance Certificate Terms

- Passed verification test with or without repairs = 7 years
- Passed verification test after full lateral replacement = 20 years

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