
Tech Talk on Sewer Cleanouts



When installing a cleanout on the sewer lateral, the Sanitary District supports the installation of a "2-way cleanout" instead of the traditional 1-way cleanout. A 2-way cleanout allows cleaning in the upstream direction, towards the house or structure, so the sewer line under the structure can also be cleaned.

The sewer line under the building slab is cast iron pipe (CIP). After many years of service it becomes corroded (also termed tuberculated) and requires cleaning to remove the corrosion. Eventually, this cast iron pipe will need to be replaced or a liner installed and the 2-way cleanout will provide access.

Engineers, contractors and plumbers recognize the benefits of a 2-way cleanout and soon it will become the industry-standard. Questions on 2-way cleanouts should be directed to the District's Maintenance Supervisor at (714) 337-3535 or District Engineer at (714) 293-2727.

Remember, Sinks Need a Fat Free Diet Too!

Fats, oils and grease are major culprits for sewer lateral and sewer main blockages. When grease travels down the line and becomes tangled with roots, there is a high likelihood of a blockage occurring. Avoid having a costly repair by pouring grease into a jar with a lid and disposing of it in the trash.

