

The Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District of Los Angeles County (CSMD) is a special district managed by Los Angeles County Public Works providing sewage collection and maintenance services.

The system Public Works manages includes:



500,000+ parcels



2 million+
people within the county's
unincorporated areas
(Marina del Rey not included)



38 member cities



4,600 miles
of sanitary sewers



87 pump stations



4 wastewater treatment plants



OUR GOAL

People in Los Angeles County thriving in a safe, clean, and sustainable environment.

2025 PROPOSED SEWER MAINTENANCE RATE INCREASE

Public Works is pursuing a rate increase for sewer maintenance services in 2025 to ensure continued funding for critical infrastructure projects and the ongoing operation and maintenance of the County's sewer system. This increase is necessary to keep up with rising costs and maintain reliable service for your community.

Property owners within the service area will receive a Proposition 218 Notice from Public Works in spring 2025, with information on the proposed rate increases and the Proposition 218 process.



CONTACT US!

Questions:

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For more information on Public Works Sewer Maintenance services and Proposition 218, visit
dpw.lacounty.gov/sewer.



Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

We plan, design, build, and maintain modern infrastructure that uplifts all communities of Los Angeles County.

**Consolidated Sewer
Maintenance District (CSMD)**

Taking action to reduce sewer overflows, protecting the health of our communities and the environment.

When sewer systems are not maintained, it can cause blockages, flooding, and pollution. Future-focused planning is critical, and maintenance requires actions on three levels: **large-scale, local, and individual.**



Large-Scale Actions

What large-scale actions does Public Works take to maintain the sewer system?

System failure can range from pump station malfunctions to sanitary sewer overflows. Proper maintenance is vital for a clean environment and a healthy society.

Public Works is committed to working with County and local partners to maintain and enhance the current level of service for all sewer maintenance customers, from ongoing operations and maintenance to providing 24/7 emergency services.

Sewer maintenance services are crucial to protecting human health and the environment and keeping our communities safe.



Learn more about
LA County Public Works
sewer services at:
dpw.lacounty.gov/sewer



Local Actions

What actions is Public Works taking at the local level to reduce sewer overflows, blockages, and pollution to protect human health?

Proper sewer maintenance directly impacts public health, recreation areas, natural spaces, infrastructure, and local businesses.

Public Works is here to serve the community through a variety of sewer maintenance services. These services include:

- **Preventative maintenance** proactively performed on the sewer system with the goal of lessening the likelihood of failure, reducing unexpected downtime, and prolonging the useful life of the system.
- **Accumulative Capital Outlay and Condition Assessment** utilizing our resources and technologies to ensure the sewer system works efficiently now and in the future.
- **24-Hour Emergency Response and Service Requests** are quickly and efficiently addressed during sewer emergencies ranging from pump malfunctions to sewer overflows.



Individual Actions

What can you do to help maintain the sewer system and prevent sewer-related emergencies?

Many sewer-related emergencies can be prevented with your help! These are actions you can take to help maintain the system and keep yourself and others safe:

- Locate your house lateral (*the pipe that carries your wastewater from your home to the public sanitary sewer main line*) and the sewer line you are connected to by contacting your local public works department or LA County Public Works.
- Maintain your house lateral:
 - Do not pour fats, oils, & grease down the drain!
 - Have a contractor clean and cut roots out of your lateral on a regular basis.
 - Provide regular maintenance for your sewer backwater valve.
- Watch for warning signs of sewer backup:
 - Basement backup through the floor drain or other basement fixtures.
 - Debris around the floor drain or in a washtub.
 - Periodic slow-running drains or toilets.
- Contact Public Works immediately at **1-800-675-HELP (4357)** if a sewage overflow occurs.

Resources:



Homeowner
sewer
maintenance
responsibilities



Interactive
map of sewer
activities in
your area