



# Cash for Sewers

Are you experiencing sewer problems? Help is here.

## Do you have back-up problems?

Blockage in your lateral line is the most common reason people have back-up problems with their plumbing system. Toilets get clogged, drains get backed-up.

## Are you selling or thinking of selling your house?

Replacing your lateral sewer line can greatly increase the value of your home.



## Did you know.....?

There are two main parts to a sewage system - the main line and the lateral line. The main line carries your sewage to the treatment plant, while the lateral line runs from your home to the main line.

Things like fats, oils and grease can clog up a lateral line, and tree roots can enter and break the pipe. Other issues include breaks, cracks, failed pipe, and alignment problems.

## Sewer Lateral Replacement Program

When you have a home with an old sewer system, life can get very expensive and inconvenient, and your home can decrease in value. SASM and the Almonte Sanitary District want to help qualifying homeowners access financial assistance to make much needed home improvements. The Sewer Lateral Replacement Program offers a free sewer line inspection (valued at \$250) and the opportunity to receive a grant or low interest loans to replace or repair sewer lateral lines.



There are two aspects to the program:

1. **The Grants Program** – provides a free video inspection, and will fund 50% of the repair cost for a single family residence in the SASM service area whose income is not higher than 70% of the median individual income of Marin County.
2. **The Zero Interest Loan Program** – provides a free video inspection, and will cover 100% of the cost of repair and replacement at a zero interest rate over the course of 1-3 years for a single family residence in the Almonte area of the SASM service area. There is no income limit.

All homeowners who participate in the program will receive a Certificate of Replacement upon completion of the project. This program is required by the Administrative Civil Liability issued by the San Francisco Regional Water Resources Control Board.

## Questions? Ready to Apply?

- Call the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin at 388-2402.
- Pick up an application at the SASM Wastewater Treatment Facility (450 Sycamore Avenue), or call the Almonte Sanitary District at 388-8775.
- Applications are also available at [www.almontesd.org](http://www.almontesd.org).