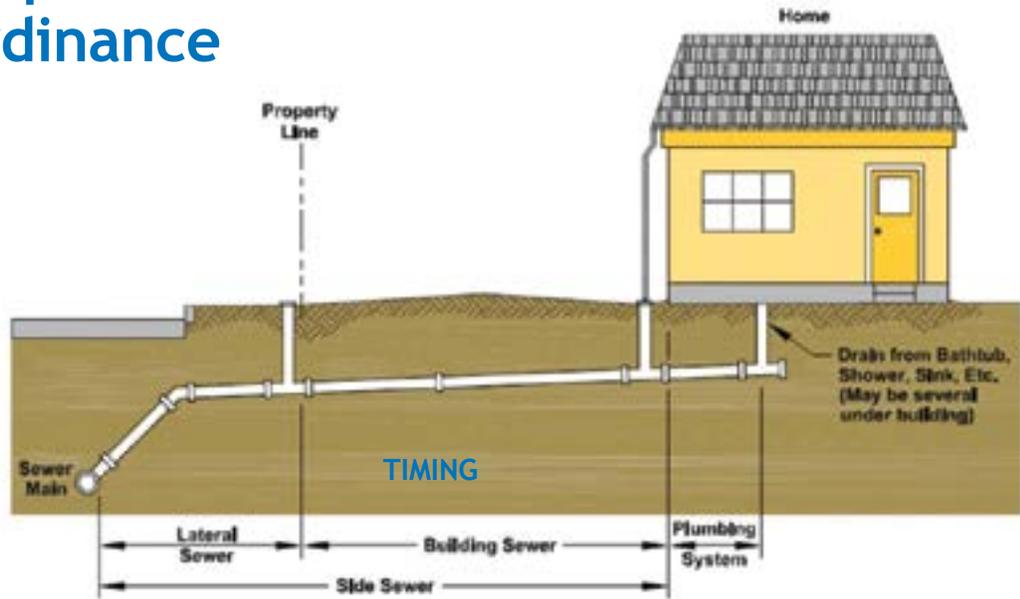


Water Agency Proposes Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency), which manages and operates eight sanitation zones and districts in Sonoma County, is proposing a Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance. The ordinance would provide the Water Agency the ability to inspect, and if necessary, require the repair of sewer laterals that are failing and potentially contributing to sewer overflows.



The proposed sewer lateral ordinance would not include mandatory inspections or repairs at this time, but would allow the sanitation zones and districts to require repairs if during inspections faulty sewer laterals are detected.

Currently, Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone (SRSZ) does not have the funds to carry out mandatory inspection and repair programs.

PURPOSE

The Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance is intended to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sewer collection system, and prevent sewer overflows. These overflows can pollute creeks and result in fines to the SRSZ.

Water entering faulty sewer laterals are one of the sources of storm water that can cause overflows.

The Water Agency anticipates that a proposed ordinance would go the Board of Directors in spring of 2018 and would take effect a year later. Community Meetings will be held prior to Board consideration of the ordinance to receive comments from the community. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of Directors for the Water Agency and for the SRSZ.

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Because of the devastating fires throughout Sonoma County in October, publication of the semi-annual sanitation newsletters was delayed. We apologize for the delay and our hearts go out to everyone who suffered losses and were impacted by the terrible fires. We want to thank everyone who has worked so hard during this time: emergency responders, rescue workers, volunteers and all those who have assisted in the recovery and rebuilding efforts. We will continue to do our part in protecting the health and safety of our communities by operating reliable sanitation systems.

Water Rebates in your Zone

Sanitation Zone water saving rebate programs available

As a sanitation customer, you have some water saving tools at your fingertips! Please take advantage of the following water saving programs which are offered on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts:



Clothes Washers

Receive up to \$125 back on the purchase and installation of a new, qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer (HEW). Rebates are available for all Energy Star Most Efficient listed clothes washers except those containing silver ion technology.



Toilets

Get up to \$150 back on the purchase and installation of each new, qualifying high-efficiency toilet (HET) from the List of Qualifying Models.

Download rebate application forms and learn more at www.sonomacountywater.org/rebates or call (707) 547-1918.