



SEWER INSPECTIONS

If You Are Planning to Dig

Prior to performing sewer repairs, licensed and bonded sewer builders must secure a permit from Water Pollution Control. The permit allows contractors to dig in the tree lawn to make repairs. For sewer measurements and more information about the permit, please contact WPC.

Be Prepared for Sewer Inspections

No work to laying or repair sewers or drains can begin or continue without a permit being at the work site, in the hands of the sewer builder or a designated employee of the sewer builder.

Applications for permits to make sewer connections must be made by the owner of the property where work is to be done, or by their legally authorized agent, and must be accompanied by a written clear description of the premises to be drained, as required for the application issued by the Cleveland Department of Public Utilities.

Notice must be provided to the office of the Commissioner of Streets as to the time when pavement on any street or public highway is to be removed for the purpose of laying or repairing any private sewer or drain.

All sewer connections laid within the lines of any street or public highway must be made in the presence of a city Inspector. Connections shall be laid on an inclination of one-quarter inch in each lineal foot of pipe; except in special cases where the same shall be laid at the inclination or depth as directed by the Commissioner of Water Pollution Control. Inspection is mandatory on both single and double sewer systems.

Application for sewer inspection must be made between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm and all the necessary tools and material must be at the site, and the trench open and in condition to lay pipe promptly at the time the Inspector arrives on site.

It must distinctly be understood that when digging in clay soil, the refilling must be tamped (packed down) and not puddled. When the digging in sand, the refilling must be puddled (wet).

When drain connections exist at curb lines they must first be uncovered and the drain trench dug from the curb on the property. Pipe must be laid starting from connecting ends, on proper grade, to the building or dwelling to be drained.

Any work not in accordance with above regulations will be ordered dismantled and installed properly for re-inspection.

Requests for Inspectors: You must call before 8:30 am for morning inspection and before 11:30 am for afternoon inspection.

Openings must be secured in accordance to the rules & regulations of the city of Cleveland's Division of Engineering and Division of Streets.

Please attach drawings for review.