



HELPFUL TIPS FOR PASSING YOUR SIDE SEWER INSPECTION

Side sewer permits and inspections are required for all sewer work on private property and in the right-of-way, including new installations, alterations, repairs, pipe lining, capping, relocations and removals.

Failing your side sewer inspection is costly and time consuming. **Re-inspection trips may result in additional inspection fees charged to the contractor**—due to failure to have work ready for inspection at the scheduled inspection appointment, poor workmanship, or failure to comply with the District’s regulations and construction requirements. **Please review these helpful tips for passing your side sewer inspection.**

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READ THE SIDE SEWER SPECIFICATIONS BOOK.

The spec booklet spells out District requirements in detail. It covers most FAQs, including pipe types, bedding material, installation and repair requirements. Direct additional questions to the NUD Engineering Department at (425) 398-4401 or engineering@nud.net.

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BE ON SITE DURING YOUR SCHEDULED INSPECTION TIME.

The District’s inspector requires you to be present during your scheduled inspection. Inspections can be scheduled for the morning or afternoon. Morning inspections are between 8:00 a.m. and noon; afternoon inspections are from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The inspector does not make phone calls on the road. If no one is on site when the inspector arrives, the inspection will be given an automatic fail and re-inspection fees will apply. Yellow permit cards must be on site at the time of inspection. Copies will not be accepted.

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ALL WORK MUST BE COMPLETE AND LEFT UNCOVERED FOR VISUAL INSPECTION.

All installation and repair work must be complete and under test (if applicable) when the inspector arrives. Photos of sewer work will not be accepted. Any work that is backfilled without the District’s approval must be uncovered. Additional inspections required for incomplete work will be subject to re-inspection fees.

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NO FERNCO OR STRONG BACK COUPLINGS.

The District does not allow Fernco or Strong Back couplings to be used when making pipe connections. The one exception is at the building’s plumbing connection—see Standard Sewer Detail 8b. All dissimilar pipe connections must be made using Romac or Ford couplings.

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MAKE SURE ALL REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE ON SITE.

The District’s inspector must visually inspect all construction materials to ensure they comply with the District’s side sewer specifications and details. Materials such as clean-out boxes and mechanical plugs that cannot be installed at the time of inspection **must be on site**. Missing materials will constitute failure to comply with the District’s construction standards and result in a failed inspection.

Most side sewer inspections called in before 4:30 p.m. can be scheduled for the next day. Inspection requests made after 4:30 p.m. will be scheduled out 48 hours. The District cannot accommodate same day inspection requests. To schedule your side sewer inspection, call (425) 398-4401.