



## **K L Contractor Plumbing Publishes Sewer Line Repair Guide**

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K L Contractor Plumbing Inc has published new guidance, "Sewer Line Repair in Sandy Springs: Why Aging Pipes Fail and What It Costs to Fix Them," for property owners dealing with sewer line problems in older homes. The resource explains how aging pipe materials, tree roots, soil movement, and pipe condition can affect sewer systems and the choice between targeted repair and larger replacement work.

Many established Sandy Springs neighborhoods contain homes built during periods when clay and cast iron were common sewer pipe materials. Clay pipe can develop separated joints or cracks as the ground moves. Cast iron can corrode over time, while weakened joints and damaged sections can create openings for tree roots.

"Recurring sewer symptoms can provide useful information, but the symptoms alone do not show exactly what is happening underground," said Alex Laldin, marketing director at K L Contractor Plumbing Inc. "A camera inspection can show the pipe material, location of damage, and condition of the surrounding line

before a repair method is selected.?

The newly published resource identifies several signs that may warrant further investigation of the main sewer line. These include several drains slowing at the same time, gurgling from toilets or drains, sewage odors near the yard or cleanout, unexplained wet areas outside, and backups that return after a line has been cleared. One symptom does not confirm a specific pipe failure, so the guide stresses diagnosis before major sewer work.

The guide also explains the role of sewer camera inspections. A waterproof camera can travel through the line and provide a view of conditions inside the pipe. The inspection can reveal problems such as cracks, root intrusion, corrosion, separated joints, and sections that have shifted or sagged. The findings can also help identify where damage is located.

That information matters because sewer repair and replacement address different conditions. A targeted repair may be considered when damage is limited to one section and the remaining pipe is in suitable condition. A larger replacement may be appropriate when a pipe has collapsed or deterioration affects more of the line. The condition of the surrounding pipe should therefore be considered before work begins.

The resource describes traditional excavation and trenchless methods that may be considered after inspection. Trenchless pipe lining places a liner inside an existing pipe when the original line remains suitable for the process. Pipe bursting uses the existing line as a path for installing new pipe while reducing the amount of excavation compared with a traditional open trench. These methods are not suitable for every sewer condition, and camera findings help determine which options may apply.

Tree roots are another focus of the guidance because mature trees are common across established Sandy Springs neighborhoods. Roots can enter openings at deteriorated or separated pipe joints. Clearing roots may address an obstruction in some cases, but damaged pipe can allow the problem to return if the opening that permitted root growth remains. The condition of the pipe must be evaluated to distinguish a blockage from structural damage.

Ground movement can also affect buried sewer lines. Georgia clay expands as moisture increases and contracts as the soil dries. Repeated movement can shift pipe sections and contribute to alignment problems. A low or sagging section can collect waste and contribute to recurring drainage symptoms.

The guide advises property owners to look at patterns rather than treating every slow drain as evidence of sewer failure. A problem limited to one fixture may involve a local drain blockage. Several affected fixtures or repeated backups can point to a problem farther into the drainage system and may warrant further inspection.

The new guidance is intended to give property owners a clearer basis for discussing sewer work after a problem appears. The central distinction is between clearing an obstruction, repairing an isolated damaged section, and addressing wider deterioration. Inspection findings, pipe material, damage location, access, and the amount of affected pipe can all influence the scope of the work.

K L Contractor Plumbing Inc provides residential and commercial plumbing services in Sandy Springs and other Metro Atlanta communities. Its services include sewer camera inspections, sewer line repair and replacement, drain cleaning, water line work, water heater service, and other plumbing repairs.

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