



In Cooperation with  
The Greater Peoria  
Sanitary District (GPSD)

# Programs for Sewer Emergencies

## Sanitary Sewer Backup Prevention & Wildcat Sewer Lateral Programs

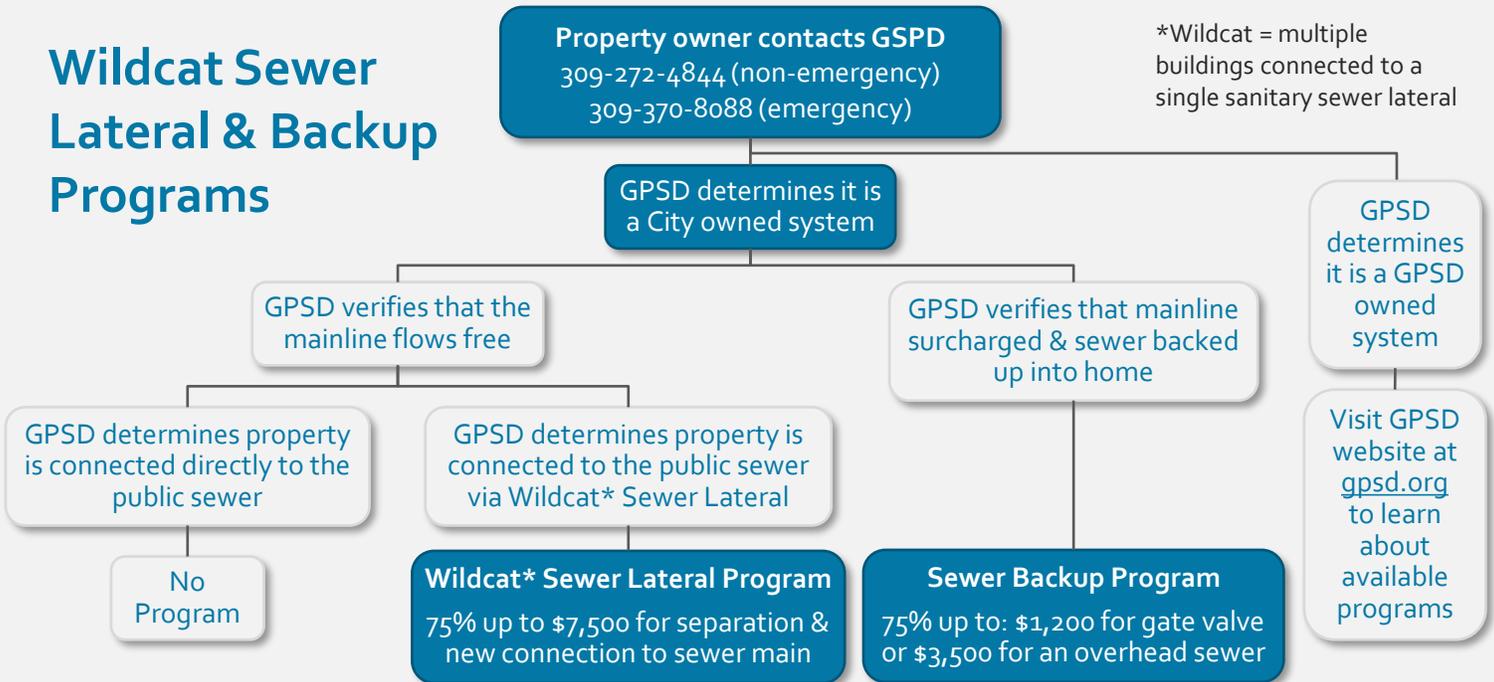
### FOR SEWER EMERGENCIES

Sewer system emergencies can include wastewater backups into a home or business, overflowing manholes, broken sewer pipes, etc.

First call GPSD and report your situation. Describe the issue and leave your contact information with the automated system. GPSD will determine whether the public sewer or private sewer lateral is the issue.

GPSD will inspect the public sanitary sewer mainline that serves the property at no cost to the property owner. If a problem is found with the public sewer, it will be repaired. If the public sewer is clear, the property owner will be notified that the problem is on the privately owned sewer.

### Wildcat Sewer Lateral & Backup Programs



### SANITARY SEWER BACKUP PREVENTION PROGRAM

The City of Peoria offers two options to prevent sanitary sewer backups from City sewer main surcharges during heavy rains – a gate/check valve option or overhead sewer line option.

The gate/check valve option reimburses a property owner 75% of the cost for the purchase and installation of a combination gate-check valve in the sanitary pipe from the building to the sewer main. Applicants can receive reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,200.

The overhead sewer line option consists of a more substantial plumbing conversion that includes installation of a sump pump and associated piping to raise the sanitary sewer pipe outlet from the building to an elevation above the sewer main in the street. The overhead sewer line option reimburses 75% of project costs up to a maximum reimbursement of \$3,500.

## WILDCAT SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM

A wildcat sewer lateral is a private sewer lateral that has more than one service connected to it before it connects to the public sewer main. The City's Wildcat Sewer Lateral Program will reimburse 75% of project costs up to \$7,500 for wildcat sewer lateral separation and new connection to a public sewer main.

## SEWER LATERALS

Currently, there are no City programs that support private sewer lateral repairs that are not related to City sewer main surcharging or wildcat sewer laterals. For private sewer issues, property owners can seek bids and hire a licensed and bonded contractor to make repairs.

## PROGRAM SEQUENCE

### Sanitary Sewer Backup Prevention & Wildcat Sewer Lateral Assistance

1. Property owner photographs and documents the issue, then contacts GPSD.
2. GPSD will review the information on behalf of the City and inspect the mainline (if not done already).
3. If the issue is with the private lateral, and the project meets program requirements for City sewer surcharge or wildcat sewer lateral, GPSD will send a program application and agreement to the property owner.
4. Property owner then seeks three bids from licensed contractors and completes all application paperwork.
5. The property owner submits all paperwork and photos to GPSD.
6. GPSD reviews the application to see if the issue meets all program requirements.
7. If accepted, the property owner will receive an acceptance letter which will show the reimbursement amount (up to 75%) based on the lowest bid.
8. Construction begins.
9. Once construction is complete, the owner's contractor calls GPSD for a Maintenance Inspection.
10. Property owner pays contractor the full amount for the completed work and submits a copy of the paid invoice to GPSD.
11. GPSD reviews and processes reimbursement request, then sends to the City for reimbursement (process can take six to ten weeks).
12. City reimburses property owner.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### Do I have to pay prevailing wage?

Yes. Any project that uses City funding must pay the prevailing wage in accordance with State of Illinois Statutes.

### Who's responsible for the permits?

The property owner or contractor is responsible for obtaining all permits. Typically, permits are required for sidewalk and street work or lane closures.

### My repair work has been completed, am I still eligible for the program?

No. Property owners must be accepted into the program prior to starting work to be eligible for the program.

### Is there additional funding for low-income residents?

The City may be able to offer income-based assistance for qualifying home repairs. Call 309-494-8600 and ask for "Neighborhoods" or email [neighborhoods@peoriagov.org](mailto:neighborhoods@peoriagov.org) to check on income assistance availability.

## REACH OUT

**24/7 Sewer Support:**  
309-370-8088

**Non-Emergency Support:**  
309-272-4844  
309-637-3511, ext. 4844  
M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## DISCLOSURE

Programs outlined here are for properties connected to public sewers owned by the City. GPSD is the program administrator for the City. GPSD operates a similar program for GPSD-owned sewers in the City of Peoria.