

SEWERS AND PUMPING PLANTS

The City operates more than 6,700 miles of public sewers that convey about 400 million gallons per day (MGD) of flow from residences and businesses to the City's four wastewater treatment and water reclamation plants. More information on how the City manages its vast sewer system may be obtained here in the [Sewer System Management Plan \(SSMP\)](#)

The City's wastewater system - sewers and treatment plants - operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to serve the needs of more than four million customers in Los Angeles, plus 29 contracting cities and agencies. There are ongoing construction projects to ensure service remains available to all of the residents in the City of Los Angeles.

CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



LA Sanitation is always improving and working to insure our sewer system is up to date and fulfilling the needs of the City. In order to maintain the system we must consistently be investing in construction and improvement projects.

[More about CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS](#)

SPILLS AND BACKWATER VALVES



Maintenance crews regularly clean the sewers to prevent spills. They also respond to emergencies when a sewer blockage occurs. The number of spills in the City has significantly decreased over the last five years as a result of these efforts.

[More about SPILLS AND BACKWATER VALVES](#)

SEWER HAZARDS



There are many things each resident can do to prevent the occurrence of slowing down the sewer system. This starts with how each of us takes care of our own sewer system.

[More about SEWER HAZARDS](#)

SEWER ODOR



Sometimes due to the capacity of a pipe or a change in elevation it is possible for an odor to escape a pipe. LA Sanitation takes this very seriously and has many techniques to combat these unusual occurrences.

[More about SEWER ODOR](#)

SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN



The State of California requires publicly owned sanitary sewer systems to have a written Sewer System Management Plan that includes measures to control and mitigate sewer spills, and the plan must be made available to the public.

[More about SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

HOW WE BUILD AND MAINTAIN THE SEWER SYSTEM



There are a variety of challenges to maintaining a large sewer system that serves over four million people. LA Sanitation has cutting edge techniques and strategies that are employed in the building and maintaining of the system and the delivery of service.

[More about HOW WE BUILD AND MAINTAIN THE SEWER SYSTEM](#)

FAQs



Still have questions? We have outlined some of the most frequently asked questions we receive from residents along with their answers.

[More about FAQs](#)