

Kearns Improvement District

Save Thousands on Lateral Repairs

May 2010. Effective immediately, Kearns Improvement District (KID) is offering an opportunity for homeowners to save considerable amounts on repairing or replacing a failed sewer or water lateral. These “laterals” connect the home’s sewer system to the Kearns main sewer line, and connect the homes water system to the District’s meter near the street. These “laterals” have been and continue to be the property and responsibility of the homeowner.

Historically, most of our customers have paid \$5,000 to \$10,000 for such a repair, mainly because such a failure requires immediate action, and there is no time to go and get bids for the work. KID has invited 43 different private firms to bid replacing water and sewer laterals. Twelve responded, and after evaluating their bids, four have been identified as responsible low bidders. We then brought in these low bidders and negotiated prices that were agreeable to all of them. A typical sewer line repair will cost about \$1,300. A more difficult one could be in the neighborhood of \$2,300. A typical water line repair will cost about \$1,000, while a more complicated one will cost upwards of \$1,800. If it is just a plugged sewer, the cost could be as low as \$300. These are the contractor’s charges. While this is still a lot of money to come up with on very short notice, **IT COULD SAVE YOU \$3,000 TO \$9,000.** KID personnel will evaluate the extent of the problem, identify a contractor to do the work, and inspect and oversee the repair. The customer will pay the contractor directly. Since this is an experimental program at this point, there is no charge for KID’s oversight and inspections.

We will run this program for about a year and evaluate its success and effectiveness. In order for it to be successful, it is imperative, if you experience a problem with your water or sewer lateral, or if you are unsure as to what the problem is, that you **CALL US FIRST.** These repairs will generally take one to three days to complete. There are between 10 and 30 such failures each year somewhere in the District, and it can happen to anyone. But remember to **CALL US FIRST.** We can be reached at **801-968-1011** twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

Limits: Doesn’t include any repairs inside the home
 May or may not apply to commercial and multifamily - contact us
 Doesn’t cover broken sprinklers, except the ones broken during the repair process
 Doesn’t include replacement of sod or other landscaping.

You may have some neighbors who have had the nightmare of a failed lateral – talk to them about it. We hope that this service will be valuable to you, our customers. Our offices are located at 5350 West 5400 South; our website is www.kearnsid.org. Remember to **CALL US FIRST!!**