



## VIDEO SEWER INSPECTIONS

RMWD's ongoing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection program sends remote cameras into the sanitary sewer lines to identify potential problems, like roots and cracks.



A truck purchased in 1999 is equipped with a pan and tilt camera with digital zoom, which allows crews to maneuver the camera through the pipes and up lateral connections. From the footage the camera sends back, crews are able to see where roots have grown into the pipes, identify structural problems, and even see where residue has solidified along the pipes.

If the crews discover a problem in the laterals

leading to a home or business, they will place a door hanger at the residence, sometimes with an image showing the severity of the problem. It is then the homeowner's responsibility to see that it is fixed.

The Collections Division is currently in the process of inspecting the entire sewer system, both looking for problems and determining how every structure is connected. It's a process that won't be completed until at least 2013. RMWD's goal is to CCTV the sewer system every five years and clean it every two years.



If you still have questions, you may check the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) link, or contact the Collections Supervisor at (760) 788-2262.