



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019



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SPRING CLEANING



Warmer weather is approaching, and with it comes spring time home improvement and maintenance season. There are some important but often overlooked maintenance tasks that should be added to that long to do list. Neglecting to address them could lead to a potentially stinky and messy summer.

“P”Traps are, as the name implies, plumbing fixtures shaped like the letter “P” installed directly after the drains on our sinks, basement floors, bathtubs, showers and washing machines. The “P”-Trap is a barrier that keeps the smell of what goes down the drain in the pipe and out of our home. Over time, the water barrier in the “P”-Trap can evaporate and invites potentially harmful vapors, insects, and other nasties that live in the sewer into our home. To maintain the “P”-Trap, all you have to do is put more water in them. For sinks, bathtubs, and showers that are not often used, simply run the water for about a minute once a month. Floor drains just need about a gallon of water poured into them to reestablish the barrier. That’s it!

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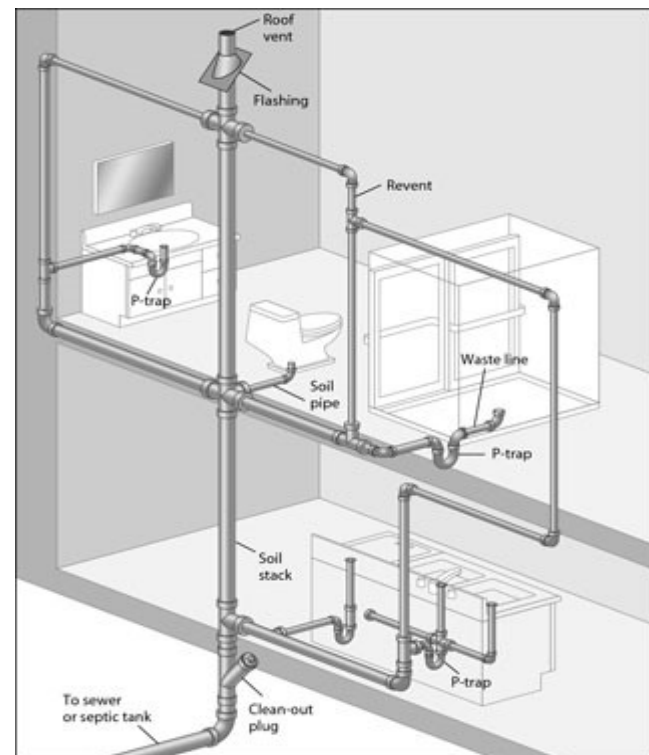
Website:

www.lkstevenssewer.org

Office Hours: Monday-
Friday
7:30am-5:30pm

Phone Hours: Monday-
Friday
9:00am-4:30pm

Regular Board Meetings
are held on the 2nd and
4th Thursdays of each
month at 9am and are
open to the public



REDUCE YOUR ANNUAL FATS, OILS, AND GREASE FEE BY \$350!!

What FOG does to your sewer system!

Lake Stevens Restaurants and Food Preparers, did you know that you can reduce your annual FOG fee from \$500 to as low as \$150 if you provide the district with proof of training, and maintenance on an annual basis? Complete the Employee FOG Control Training using the FOG training log provided on our website. Provide documentation of grease trap/interceptor cleaning either professionally by providing a receipt or if self-cleaning by sending scans of maintenance logs available on our website: www.lkstevenssewer.org. Send all documentation by email to:

fog@lkstevenssewer.org

For more information please contact our office.



We're sure a lot of you wonder why we care so much about Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) going down our drains into the sewer system. Our system's pipes are not meant to collect these materials. They build up over time and get so bad that, not only does this blockage prevent water or sewage from flowing through it, but it can also erode the pipe like it did in our Frontier Village main near McDonalds recently (see pictures below). The FOG build up was so enormous that it disintegrated the actual pipe. When our collection team was completing routine maintenance, which includes flushing out the pipes and sending a CCTV monitor to look inside, the camera fell through broken pipe. Not only was this preventable but it ended up costing the district tens of thousands of dollars. This is a preventable situation and is the main reason we all need to comply with FOG regulations. It's not only restaurant owners and food preparers but all of our community members at home. For more information please visit our website @ www.lkstevenssewer.org and click Pre-Treatment Program under the Customer Information tab. We can all practice good FOG techniques at home.

Mark Your Calendars

April

Regular Board Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 9am
Monday the 22nd Earth Day
Sunday the 21st Easter

May

Regular Board Meetings:
2nd & 4th Thursday @ 9am
12th Mother's Day
27th Memorial Day ; Office closed

June

Regular Board Meetings:
2nd & 4th Thursday @ 9am
Friday the 14th Flag Day
Sunday the 16th Father's Day

All meetings subject to change, please check www.lkstevenssewer.org calendar for updates

Mission: Meeting the challenge of protecting the environment and providing quality sewer service to the community