

## Save money and avoid a sewer line failure

Private sewer lines along University Avenue are very old – many are as much as 80 years old. And as the graph on the back of this page highlights, a sewer line's chances for failure increases dramatically once it approaches 60 years of age.

So now is the perfect time to replace your private sewer line because it can be done at the same time the city is replacing its utility lines. By acting now during the Central Corridor LRT construction period, a property owner can replace their private sewer line for an average cost of \$4,500.

Should you wait, though, replacing a private sewer line once the Central Corridor line is up and running could easily cost you over \$10,000. What accounts for the higher cost once the line is active?

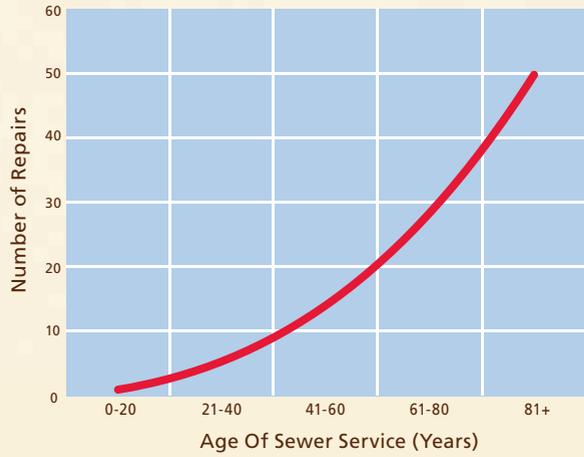
The cost escalates because of the added expense associated with traffic detours and other disruptions your private sewer contractor would encounter such as closing a part of University Avenue at night or on weekends. Newly laid pavement and sidewalks must be torn up and business disrupted to accommodate the replacement of the failed line.

This is to say nothing of the mess that is created when a sewer line breaks. But you can avoid all this by arranging for a replacement line now. Plus, you can take advantage of the city's program to assess your property for the cost of replacing your line by spreading your payments out over a twenty-year period.

To learn more about how the city can help you in making arrangements to replace your private sewer line, contact the city's Sewer Utility office at 651-266-6234.



Age of Private Sewer Service When Repaired



For more information regarding the Central Corridor visit:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.asp>

University Avenue Property Owners

## Private Sewer Pipe Replacement



Important information regarding your sewer pipe from the City of Saint Paul

Did you know your sewer line may be 80 years old?



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