

# DRAINAGE & SEWER SERVICES

## Cleaning | Inspection | Repair | Replacement

Clogged drains and sewer backups are more than just an inconvenience — they can cause property damage, health hazards, and expensive repairs. At Bayshore Plumbers, we specialize in keeping your entire drainage and sewer system flowing freely, safely, and up to code.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES**

When you call Bayshore Plumbers for drainage or sewer service, here's what our technician will do:

#### 1. **Onsite Assessment**

- Ask about recent plumbing symptoms (slow drains, gurgling toilets, foul odors, backups)
- Locate cleanouts, inspect fixtures, and examine plumbing layout

#### 2. **Diagnostics & Testing**

- Use professional tools to test flow and check for blockages
- For deeper issues, recommend a **camera inspection** of the main sewer line to locate root intrusion, pipe collapse, or buildup

#### 3. **Clear Explanation & Options**

- We explain the problem in plain English and offer multiple solutions: clearing, spot repair, or full line replacement
- Transparent pricing before any work begins — no surprises

#### 4. **Service Execution**

- For clogs: use snaking or **hydro-jetting** to remove debris, grease, or roots
- For damage: repair, reline, or replace the affected section of drain or sewer pipe
- All work ends with a flow test and jobsite cleanup

#### 5. **Next Steps (If Needed)**

- Provide a camera inspection video report (if performed)
- Recommend preventive maintenance, like bio-clean or annual jetting

### **Time Estimate:**

- Basic drain snaking: **30–60 minutes**
- Camera inspection: **45–90 minutes**
- Hydro-jetting: **1.5–2.5 hours**
- Sewer line repair/replacement: **4–10 hours**, or 1–2 days for full trenching

### **WHAT IS THIS SERVICE / FIXTURE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

Your home's **drainage and sewer system** are responsible for carrying wastewater away from sinks, tubs, showers, toilets, and appliances — all the way to the city sewer or your septic system.

## Key Components:

- **Drain pipes** (inside the house)
- **Main sewer line** (underground, exterior)
- **Cleanouts and vent stacks**
- **P-traps and floor drains**

## Why It Matters:

- Blocked or broken sewer lines can cause **flooding, mold, sewage backups**, and expensive damage
- Early detection of tree root intrusion or corrosion can prevent full system failure
- Keeping drains clean ensures smooth daily operation and **protects your investment**

## REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS

Based on diagnostics, your technician may recommend:

- **Repair** – Clear a blockage or patch a damaged section of pipe
- **Spot Repair** – Replace a short run of broken pipe or a failed cleanout
- **Full Replacement** – Remove and replace the entire main drain/sewer line
- **Upgrade** – Convert to trenchless, add cleanouts, or reroute for remodel

## COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	Pros	Cons	Budget	When Ideal	Time
Repair	Fast, less invasive, lower cost	Temporary if pipes are aging or repeatedly clogged	\$	First-time clog, isolated buildup	30–60 min
Spot Repair	Fixes targeted issue without full replacement	May uncover deeper problems	\$\$-\$	Tree root in one section, cracked joint	1–3 hrs
Full Replace	Long-term fix, clean slate	Higher cost, trenching may be required	\$\$-\$	Multiple backups, pipe collapse, severe corrosion	4–10 hrs
Upgrade	Enhanced access, code compliance, less disruption	May need camera mapping or permit	\$\$\$	Remodels, trenchless conversions, cleanout installations	1–2 days

## **HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS**

Stay ahead of drain and sewer issues with these simple tips:

- **Watch What You Flush**  
Avoid flushing wipes, feminine products, cotton balls, or thick paper — even if labeled “flushable”
- **Keep Grease Out of the Sink**  
Pour cooled oil/grease into a can and dispose of it in the trash — not down the drain
- **Know Where Your Sewer Line Is**  
Avoid planting trees or large shrubs over your main sewer line to reduce root intrusion
- **Schedule a Camera Inspection Before Buying a Home**  
It's one of the best ways to avoid unexpected repair costs
- **Install Backwater Valves**  
Especially in older homes or flood-prone areas, these can stop sewage from backing up into your home

### **Don't Let Drain Issues Drain Your Wallet.**

From minor clogs to major sewer line replacements, Bayshore Plumbers is your trusted partner for clean, efficient, and code-compliant drainage solutions.

 **Call today or book online** to schedule your drainage or sewer service in the Mid-Peninsula San Francisco Bay Area.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's):**

### **1. What's the difference between a drain issue and a sewer problem?**

Drain issues usually involve one fixture — like a slow sink or shower. Sewer problems affect your **main line**, leading to **multiple backups, gurgling toilets, or foul odors**. Our technician will assess and determine where the issue lies.

### **2. How do you diagnose sewer line problems?**

We start with flow testing and visible access points. If needed, we perform a **camera inspection** of your main line to check for **root intrusion, pipe collapse, or buildup**. You'll get a clear explanation and even a video report if requested.

### **3. Is hydro jetting safe for my pipes?**

Yes — when done by licensed professionals. We adjust the pressure to match your pipe type and condition. Hydro jetting is a **powerful, chemical-free way** to clean the inside of your pipes and prevent future blockages.

### **4. How long does a sewer repair or replacement take?**

Small spot repairs can be completed in **1–3 hours**, while a full sewer replacement may take **1–2 days**, depending on access, trenching needs, and pipe condition. We'll always give you clear timelines and pricing before we begin.

### **5. How can I prevent future drainage problems?**

Avoid flushing wipes or pouring grease down the drain, install drain screens, and **schedule annual inspections or jetting** if your home has older pipes or nearby tree roots. Prevention is far cheaper than emergency repairs.

### **6. Do I need to replace my entire sewer line?**

Not always. If the damage is isolated — like a small crack or offset joint — we can do a **spot repair**. But if the pipe is collapsed, corroded, or has repeated failures, a **full replacement or trenchless upgrade** may be the safest, most cost-effective solution.