

Before you authorize sewer work

Use the same endpoints and inclusions when comparing proposals.

Property / utility: _____

Establish the evidence

- ☐ Keep the full camera recording, not only selected screenshots. Identify the access point, direction, distances and any inspection limit.
- ☐ Confirm the visible pipe material and defect. A building age, tree or recurring blockage is not a complete diagnosis.

Define the work boundary

- ☐ Confirm the serving utility and the private/public connection. A footage counter is not a parcel-boundary measurement.
- ☐ Mark the proposed start and end of work, retained sections, connected branches and any shared access rights.

Make the method answer the finding

- ☐ Ask why the suggested method fits the condition. Lining follows the host pipe and does not lift a belly. Bursting is not a guaranteed grade correction.
- ☐ Separate inspection, cleaning, structural repair and replacement. Identify what remains outside the work.

Check permits and completion

- ☐ Name who obtains required permits, schedules inspections and provides closeout records.
- ☐ Ask which installation tests apply. A camera recording is not interchangeable with every required inspection or test.

Agree on access and restoration

- ☐ List sewer-use restrictions, equipment access, pits, hauling, bedding, backfill and compaction.
- ☐ Specify the surfaces and finish included, allowances, exclusions and how unexpected findings are authorized.

Compare the written scope

A lower total is useful only when it buys suitable, clearly defined work.

Scope item	Proposal A	Proposal B
Inspection route and limits		
Proposed start and end points		
Defect the method addresses		
Method, material and transitions		
Branches and shared connections		
Cleaning and preparation		
Access pits and protection		
Permits and inspection charges		
Applicable installation testing		
Hauling, bedding and backfill		
Paving / concrete restoration		
Landscape restoration		
Sewer-use interruption plan		
Allowances and exclusions		
Unexpected-condition approval		
Completion records		
Total and payment terms		

Keep with the project file: recording, proposal, approvals and final scope.