Avoid messy sewer backups and surprise repair bills by getting to know what’s underground.

Homes constructed before 1980 are likely to have side sewers made of clay or concrete pipes. These pipes – which connect your home’s plumbing to the City’s sanitary sewer main – can crack, shift out of place, and/or be invaded by roots, causing leakage or blocked pipes.

The City of Tacoma recommends inspecting your home’s side sewer if it is more than 25 years old and/or does not have plastic PVC pipe running from your home to the City sewer main.

(253) 591-5588
www.cityoftacoma.org/sidesewer

Need help with repairs? You may be eligible for a low-interest loan through the City of Tacoma’s Sewer Conservation Loan Program.
(253) 502-2159
www.cityoftacoma.org/sewerloan
Curbside recycling (single-family/duplexes)

**Big blue container**
- **Aluminum & tin:** Cans, foil, trays, aerosol cans (empty)
- **Plastic:** Bottles, jugs, jars, tubs, bags (place bags inside one bag and secure the top)
- **Boxes & cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard (flattened), paper and non-coated boxes and cartons
- **Paper:** Office paper, newspaper, phone books, magazines, junk mail, shredded paper strips (place strips inside bag and secure the top)
- **Glass:** Clear, green, brown glass bottles and jars
- **Batteries:** Alkaline and rechargeable (seal inside plastic bag)

**Small glass/battery bin**

Find a detailed list of what is and isn’t recyclable at [www.cityoftacoma.org/recyclingreview](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/recyclingreview).

Make sure all items are clean of food waste.