

# MATSF Sewer Televising Program

## Sewer Main Televising

The Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette's Administrative Consent Order with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) requires that the public sanitary sewer system be inspected on a routine basis. Our ACHD approved Operation and Maintenance program calls for televising 10% of the 126 miles of public sanitary sewers annually. As such, you may occasionally observe MATSF field personnel and the MATSF televising van in your neighborhood. **It is important that manholes that may be on your property be accessible (not covered with dirt, mulch or other landscaping) to allow for insertion of the sewer camera, the sewer cleaning machine or for general system maintenance. Covering manholes is a violation of Township Ordinance 312.**



Municipal Authority of the Township of South Fayette sewer televising van.



## Sewer Lateral Televising

The pictured sewer televising equipment has the capability of inspecting sewer mains along with the lower portion of individual building service laterals connected to the main. **Since a portion of the lateral may fall within a public right-of-way, and since the overall building service laterals represent at least another 70 miles of pipe over and above the 126 miles of public sewer mains in South Fayette Township, it is important for the laterals to also be televised periodically.** As you may be aware, a detailed inspection of sewer laterals is required for any property as part of a real estate transfer. However, since only a small percentage of properties are sold in any given year, it is important for the Authority to periodically check the condition of laterals on an area-wide basis, especially in areas where there is documentation of high rates of infiltration/inflow. Unlike the property transfer inspection where a push camera is typically inserted into a lateral at the building fresh air vent or clean-out near your house or commercial building, during an area-wide lateral inspection, the pictured van utilizes a camera "launched" from the sewer main to partially inspect all laterals located between 2 manholes. Observed defects are documented. **Should significant defects be observed in the private portion of a lateral during this area-wide inspection, it is the intent of MATSF to inform the property owner of the nature of the defect. Defects identified on the public portion of any lateral will be documented for a future repair by MATSF.** For more information on MATSF's overall sewer inspection program, along with property owner responsibilities, please visit our website at [www.matsf.net](http://www.matsf.net) or call the Authority office at 412-257-5100 with any questions or concerns.