# City of Manhattan Beach





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# WHY CHOOSE UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS?







EXPERIENCE

REPUTATION

**PARTNERSHIP** 



# **BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics**

Trust • Performance • Integrity

2013 Winner Western Pennsylvania Better Business Bureau®



This award underscores one of the primary reasons the National League of Cities selected USP as a partner and extended our agreement for another five years. The organization's exemplary record of customer service and transparency is what has driven the success of this partnership over the years.

— Clarence Anthony, Executive Director National League of Cities





#### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Only Service Line Program endorsed by the National League of Cities
- Helps address the public policy issue of aging infrastructure
- No cost for the City of Manhattan Beach to participate Turnkey approach
- Free Public Awareness Campaign
- Educates homeowners about their lateral line responsibilities
- Peace of mind with one toll-free call a reputable plumber is dispatched
- All repairs performed to code by local-area licensed contractors
- Contractors undergo a rigorous vetting process to ensure quality service
- Can offer an ongoing revenue stream a 10% enrollment after 3 years of 14,453 HH = 1,445 customers x 1.5 policies x \$9/yr. = \$19,507 per year





### **OUR SERVICE AND WHAT IT COVERS**



SEWER/SEPTIC LATERAL COVERAGE



WATER/WELL LINE COVERAGE

Homeowner repair protection for leaking, clogged or broken water and sewer lines from the point of utility connection to the home exterior

#### **Coverage includes:**

- Educating homeowners about their service line responsibilities
- Up to \$8,500 coverage per repair incident (includes public street & sidewalk cutting)
- No annual or lifetime limits, deductibles, service fees, forms, or paperwork
- 24/7/365 availability and repairs are made only by local-area licensed contractors
- Affordable monthly rates, multiple payment methods and can cancel at any time
- Non-Royalty Program is \$9.00 per mo. sewer line and \$6.00 per mo. water line
- Royalty Program is \$9.75 per mo. sewer line and \$6.75 per mo. water line





#### OUR SERVICE AND WHAT IT COVERS



INTERIOR PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE

#### **Coverage includes:**

Homeowner repair protection for inhome water supply lines and in-home sewer lines and all drain lines connected to the main sewer stack that are broken or leaking inside the home after the point of entry

- Up to \$3,000 coverage per repair incident
- Includes coverage for broken or leaking water, sewer, or drain lines under the slab or basement floor. Also covers repair of clogged toilets.
- No annual or lifetime limits, deductibles, service fees, forms, or paperwork
- 24/7/365 availability and repairs are made only by local-area licensed contractors
- Affordable monthly rates Non-Royalty Program is \$9.49 mo.; Royalty is \$9.99 mo.
- Multiple payment methods and can cancel at any time





#### MARKETING APPROACH

- No Public Funds are used in marketing, distribution, or administration of the program.
- Only market by direct mail no telemarketing or door to door
- Would never mail without your review and approval of marketing material before each and every campaign
- Limited to 3 mailing campaigns per year
- Participation is always voluntary for the homeowner
- Marketing clearly states city does not provide program
- Consumers can enroll one of three ways:
  - Calling into our toll free number that is provided on the mailing;
  - Returning the bottom of the letter to us in the self addressed stamped envelope provided
  - Visiting our consumer website www.slwofa.com at any time





### OVER 650 PARTNERS IN 42 STATES

Alabama

Arkansas

Arizona

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Florida

Georgia

Iowa

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maryland

Maine

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Missouri

Montana

North Carolina

Nebraska

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

Nevada

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming





#### 27 CALIFORNIA PARTNERS

City of Chula Vista

City of Claremont

City of Culver City

City of Daly City

City of Fillmore

City of Laguna Beach

City of La Habra

City of La Puente

City of Lemon Grove

City of Perris

City of Port Hueneme

City of Rialto

City of San Bruno

City of San Diego

City of Vallejo

City of West Covina

Town of Yountville

Alameda County Water District

California Water Service Company

Contra Costa Water District

Diablo Water District

Dublin San Ramon Water District

Golden State Water Company

Great Oaks Water Company

Liberty Utilities

San Jose Water Company

West Bay Sanitary District





#### PROGRAM SUCCESS & NOTES

- We have over 650 partnerships; over 4 million customers and service over 7 million service contracts.
- Over the last 3 years, we have completed over 1.3 million repairs for our customers and saved over \$454 million in repair costs. On average, over the last year we completed a job every 49 seconds.
- Excellent 97% claim approval rating.
- We have received a 4.8 out of 5 star rating from customers receiving service.
- 9 of every 10 customers surveyed would recommended the program to friends, family, and neighbors.





#### Recent Harris Poll results (2000 adults surveyed)

- Nearly 2 in 5 Americans don't have the necessary funds set aside to cover a \$500 repair (including almost half of millennials.)
- 1 in 2 Americans describe their current state of household finances as either fair, poor, or terrible.
- 3 in 10 Americans aged 37+ cited they had no money set aside for emergency repairs.
- 46% of respondents had an emergency repair in the last 12 months.
- 80% of respondents either strongly or somewhat agreed with the statement: Local community governments should be responsible for educating homeowners about external water lines on their property that are not covered by homeowners' insurance, the city/town or the local utility (i.e., meaning that if a problem were to occur, the homeowner would be solely responsible for the cost out of pocket.)



# National League OF CITIES Service Line Warranty Program



