

NOTICE

SANITARY SEWER CLEANING NOTICE

St Clair Township and our qualified contractor, Michigan Pipe Inspection, Inc./Tri-County Vac Service, LLL. Are scheduled to clean sanitary sewer mains and complete sewer video inspection of the sewers in your community beginning September 28, 2020. It will be done in phases and will end approximately May 30, 2021.

The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from one manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. The debris is removed from the manhole with a vacuum unit. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During cleaning of the sanitary sewer lines, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl or floor drains, can bubble or surge or, in rare instances, splash out of the bowl or drain. We remind you that the water that would come from this type of incident is from the bowl or drain itself. Therefore, during the scheduled cleaning period, it would be beneficial to make sure to keep the lid of your toilet down to minimize the water splashing from your toilet and cover the floor drains in your basement.

St Clair Township is NOT responsible for any damages or cleaning inside residencies that may result from blocked vents and or the cleaning process.

The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's waste and ventilation system. To minimize water splashing out of your toilet bowl, keep the lid down.

If you have any further questions, please contact St Clair Township at 810.329.9042