



Harriston Sewer Flushing Notice

April & May 2018

Service Notices

The Town of Minto will be completing sewer inspections between April 23rd and May 25th 2018 in the Town of Harriston. Sewers mains will be flushed and inspections will be carried out by way of closed circuit television (CCTV) by running a camera through the sewer from manhole to manhole.

The cleaning will take place first, followed by the camera inspection within a few days.

The work will not affect the majority of homeowners or cause any disruption to service, but there is a small chance that small spills, noise and odours may result.

What happens when the sewer is flushed?

A high pressure jet scours the sewer main removing dirt and debris from the main allowing the CCTV to view the sewer main walls unobstructed and will help prevent future backups in the sanitary system. When the jet passes by your home's connection to the sewer main, a pressure wave is created. This pressure wave can push out or pull in the water and air inside your home's plumbing and traps including toilets, showers, sinks and floor drains. In most cases, nothing happens, but sometimes it does.

How can a homeowner prepare for sewer flushing?

As a precaution, the Township advises you to:

1. Keep your toilet lids closed during times when they are not being used.
2. Flush after every use.
3. To prevent odours, it is advisable to pour 2 litres of water into infrequently used plumbing fixtures to ensure the trap is full.

If water appears to be spilled around your toilet or floor drain, this water can simply be wiped up – it was just the water that was stored in the trap