

April 3, 2020

Special Notice to Residents: Ongoing Sewer Upgrades in Your Area

The City of Toronto has been rehabilitating existing sewer infrastructure in neighbourhoods throughout Toronto. Some residents may have recently received a Construction Notice in the mail about Phase 3 of this work.

COVID-19 and Construction Work in Toronto

The Province of Ontario has enacted a declaration of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. A list of essential workplaces in Ontario was announced on March 23. As indicated on the list, City-led infrastructure construction has been deemed essential and this project will proceed. This construction is essential to ensure the City's infrastructure remain safe, in a state of good repair and able to meet Toronto's needs. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit toronto.ca/covid-19.

Work Details

The rehabilitation work includes cleaning the interior of existing sanitary and storm sewers, installation of a liner inside existing sewers to seal cracks and/or joints, repairs to maintenance holes, as well as upgrades to the City-owned portion of sewer connections, where necessary. Access to the sewer is made through maintenance holes on the street, therefore, the majority of the work completed in these phases will use construction methods that do not require excavation.

Phase 1 (condition assessment) has been completed. **Phase 2** (excavation and/or cleaning activities) and lining activities under **Phase 3** are scheduled to occur sometime over the next eight months.

Work Locations

This work will take place on various streets in your Ward. For detailed locations, please refer to your Pre-Construction Notice or contact one of the AECOM Field Ambassadors at 416-475-4424 or fieldambassador@aecom.com.

Work Hours

Work will typically take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, unless site specific conditions require alternative work hours. Note: Work will not take place on statutory holidays.

Service Disruptions

Depending on the type of repair, there may be a very short-term sewer service disruption. If this is required, a Service Disruption Notice will be provided by the City-hired contractor approximately 48 hours in advance of the work to notify you of the exact time and duration of the disruption, if applicable.

IMPORTANT: Once you receive the contractor's 48-hour Service Disruption Notice, it is recommended that you pour 1-2 litres of water down every drain (i.e. sinks, showers, bathtub, floor drains) in order to ensure a water barrier is present prior to the lining work.

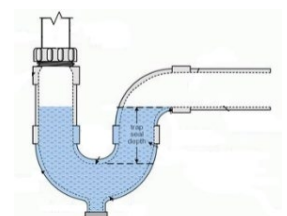
Please note that you will be asked to avoid using water during the period indicated in the contractor's Service Disruption Notice. Water will not be shut-off during the disruption, however we ask that you do not allow water down the drain, which includes not using a washing machine, dishwasher, flushing your toilet, or using a sink, shower or bath without the use of a drain stopper during the temporary service disruption. This is to avoid a sewer back-up while your sewer connection is temporarily sealed/plugged. When hand washing, please try to use a drain stopper.

Odour

You may experience short-term odours while the sewer is being lined during Phase 3 of construction.

Drain pipes are designed to retain water after use to help create a water barrier that prevents odour from entering your home (see illustration to the right).

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If any type of strong odour is present in your home due to a dry drain or private plumbing issues, please call the contact number noted on the contractor's Service Disruption Notice for immediate assistance. Alternatively, you may contact the Field Ambassador indicated at the bottom of this notice.

Construction Noise

You may experience intermittent noise and vibration during construction (from vacuum trucks, power generators, air compressors, etc.). All work will comply with the City of Toronto's Noise By-law.

Road and Sidewalk Access

In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the active construction work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Driveway Access

Typically, driveway access will not be restricted. If temporary restrictions to your driveway are necessary, the contractor will notify you directly in advance of the work.

Traffic Management

Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users may experience delays as a result of increased traffic on nearby main and side streets if temporary road closures or lane reductions in the work area are required to complete the work safely.

Garbage & Recycling

Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.

Parking

Prior to construction activities, "no parking" signs will be placed in the work zone. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle is within the construction work zone where "no parking" signs are present, it will be re-located at the expense of the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222.

Restoration

If excavation is required, the construction work area will be restored with sod, seed, concrete and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons in spring (April to June) and fall (September to October). Permanent restoration of the road and/or sidewalk (concrete) will take place within 18 to 24 months.

For more information about the project please contact:

Field Ambassador: 416-475-4424, fieldambassador@aecom.com

City of Toronto: 311

These projects are part of the Council-approved Capital Works Program to renew aging infrastructure, reduce the risk of leaks, and ensure continued long-term reliable sewer service.