

Sewer Flushing

What is a Sewer Flushing?

Sewer flushing is the maintenance of the sewer system. The Town of BWG must clean its sewer system regularly to ensure it functions properly in order to protect public health and the environment.

How can I be affected?

During the cleaning process, air pressure is created inside the sewer pipe. Normally the pressurized air escapes with no impact, in some instances the air can only escape through the service connection plumbing vents between your house and the Town's sewer system without incident.

However, if the passage is partially blocked or improperly vented, air pressure may escape through a toilet, floor drain or the nearest exit it can find. This can result in the release of unpleasant odors and in rare occasions, sewage/contaminated water being released into a home or business. When sewage/contaminated water is released, this is known as a "blow-back". Below are some tips to help prevent a sewer blow-back:

- Ensure all toilet seats are closed
- Avoid using washrooms facilities when flushing in your area
- Plug sinks when not in use
- Ensure washing machine hose is securely connected

What to do if you experience a Blow-back

Please contact the Town's **Wastewater Division at 905-775-3252**.

It is advised that if you experience a sewer blow-back to check your plumbing to ensure that your service connection and vent pipes are clear of debris and are functioning properly.

Preventing future incidents

It is not possible to predict where sewer blow-backs may occur. Minimizing the possibility of a repeat event begins when you inform the Town of the initial occurrence.

During subsequent sewer cleanings at that particular location, the pressure at which cleaning is carried out is lowered in order to help reduce the possibility of sewer blow-backs.

**For more information and assistance, please contact the
Wastewater Division at 905-775-3252**