

Memo from the CITY OF GRIMES, IA WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

PLEASE READ

The City of Grimes has contracted with a company named ACCU-JET to clean and root-cut the City's sanitary sewers. The purpose is to improve the sewer's performance and significantly reduce the chances for future sewer backups and related problems.

CLEANING WILL BE DONE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Starting at SE 13th ST and working north towards HWY 44 with South James ST as the west boundary and HWY 141 as the east boundary.

We also will be cleaning the southwest areas south of HWY 44 and west of South James ST including Kennybrook and surrounding areas. Also on Hickory Glen, Hickory Circle, SW Brookside DR, SW 4th, 5th, 6th and joining streets.

WE ARE GOING TO BE CLEANING THE SEWERS IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

March 25th to April 5th, 2013 (excluding weekends)

In order to clean the sewer, a high-pressure water stream is introduced into the sewer line. This high-pressure water stream loosens and removes debris that is in the sewer line. The debris is then moved downstream and removed from the sewer with a vacuum.

This cleaning process causes a vacuum in the sewer and creates pressure. These forces can create some challenges. Though it will not affect most buildings, **some buildings may be affected.** Those buildings that have inadequate or partially blocked drain vents may experience some challenges. A vacuum may be created because of the poor ventilation causing P-traps, (the little S shaped bend in the pipe under sinks and drains) to be sucked dry. Should you notice a sewer smell resulting from this, run a little water in your drains to refill the P-traps.

- 1. We would suggest that each home/business owner do the following to minimize the impact that the poor ventilation may have on your building. Shut the water valve off to your toilets. This will keep the toilet from running in the event that your flapper valve in your toilet tank opens and doesn't shut correctly.**
- 2. Put the toilet seats down. You may want to place a towel between the lid and the bowl and tape the lid to the bowl. This will minimize any effect that the water may have if pressure builds in your lines.**
- 3. Cover floor drains with car mats and place a heavy object on them to hold them in place on the days that the sewer cleaning will be done in your area. This will minimize any possible splashing of the P-trap water in homes that are poorly vented.**

If you have any questions please call Mark Devine at 515-202-6355 between the hours of 7am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Thank you for your help and cooperation.