

IMPORTANCE NOTICE

from the Oscoda Charter Township D.P.W.

City Sewer Cleaners will be cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer mains throughout the entire Township during the months of April 2017 through August 2017. There is nothing required of you to do, however, it is recommended that you keep your toilet lids closed, floor drains covered, and check your sewer vent pipes for blockage, as a precaution on your part. When a sewer vent pipe is clean from blockages, then the sewer jetting does not have any effect on your home. The pressure from the sewer jetting will go out through the vent pipe and not cause any problems in your home. If the sewer vent pipe is blocked, then you could experience water and/or sewage coming up from your toilets and drains in your home. A blockage could be caused by any number of things, including leaves, animals or snow.

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

There are a couple ways you may check your vent pipes:

- 1. Open the faucets at the tub and sink nearest to the roof vent pipe. Go on the roof with a flashlight and visually inspect the roof vent. If the vent is clear, you should be able to hear the water running.*
- 2. When it is cold outside, you can run hot water inside your home and visually check to see steam rising from the roof vent.*

If you find the roof vent is blocked, run a hose down the vent pipe to flush out the debris. The water will run down through the pipe and out the sewer line.

If the vent pipe begins to fill with water, there is a major blockage and you should contact a licensed plumber.

After the sewer jetting is done, if you experience a smell coming from inside your sinks or toilets, run water down them. This will fill your traps with water again, and should fix the problem.

You may also experience discolored tap water which may result from City Sewer Cleaners filling their water trucks for the sewer cleaning operations. If you experience this, run water out of all taps until it is clear.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Oscoda Charter Township DPW at (989) 739-8152.