

## **IMPORTANCE NOTICE**

The Village of Almont will be cleaning and televising all sewer mains throughout the entire community beginning early March through December 2017. This effort will be completed by the Village of Almont Department of Public Works, in coordination with Michigan Pipe Inspection. The purpose of this project is to begin work as part of a grant received through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) referred to as the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) program.

The Village will be utilizing heavy equipment known as a jet/vac truck equipped with a high pressured water-powered hose to clear any/all blockages from the sewer mains.

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 precautionary measure. When a sewer vent pipe is cleaned 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, debris, or other obstructions.

**The Village is NOT responsible for any damages or cleaning inside residences that may result from blocked vents and/or the routine cleaning process.**

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

-  *When it's cold outside, you can run hot water inside your home and simply check to see if you view steam coming out of the roof vent. If you can view steam this typically means there is no blockage.*
-  *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, you have a major blockage and should contact a licensed plumber.*

After the sewer main cleaning is completed, you may experience sewer odors coming from inside your home or business through floor drains, sinks or toilets. To correct this problem, run water down all sinks and drains to refill plumbing traps within your home to block sewer gases as intended.

You may also experience discolored tap water that is the result from Tri County filling their water trucks for the sewer cleaning. If you experience this, please run water out of all taps until it is clear.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village office at 810-798-8528