



2024 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program Newsletter

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Work Planned for Your Neighborhood

This newsletter serves as a general announcement concerning Sewer Cleaning and Televising work scheduled throughout the Village.

Project Schedule

- Commence: **mid-April**
- Completion: **October**

Questions?

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FAQs: The Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program

What is the Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program?

Public Works annually contracts the cleaning and televising of various sewers throughout the Village. This process helps keep the sewer system clear of debris, such as sediment, grease, and tree roots. Cleaning reduces the risk of sewage backups.

What does the cleaning process include?

Cleaning consists of using a pressurized water jet and vacuum system. This large and powerful piece of equipment, pictured above, sprays highly pressurized water to scour the inside wall of the sewer. Debris is flushed out and collected through a suction hose. If large roots are encountered, root cutting blades clear the sewer. Roots that intrude through joints or cracks might otherwise ultimately cause failures or blockages.

What is the benefit of televising?

Televising includes the use of a high definition camera to assess the condition of the sewer main and each service lateral connection. Televising allows crews to catalog the conditions within the pipe. This type of inspection and assessment allows Public Works to schedule maintenance and repair projects efficiently and effectively.

Who is doing the work?

This work is being performed by Sewertech LLC of Schaumburg, Illinois.

How long will this process take to complete?

Once the crew is on-site, cleaning and televising should not take longer than a few hours, including the set-up and tear down of the equipment.

How will I know when the Village is cleaning the sewers in front of my house?

Updates concerning the progress of the cleaning and televising will be sent through NotifyMe. Sign up for notification texts/e-mails at www.villageoflombard.org/notifyme.

What areas in Lombard will be affected?

Work is scheduled to take place in selected sewers throughout the entire Village. The contract runs from March through November. Fieldwork is scheduled from mid-April to October. To view locations for this job and other 2024 construction projects visit www.villageoflombard.org/constructionmap.

Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns?

Contact Public Works at (630) 620-5740 between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, or public-works@villageoflombard.org. Afterhours, please leave a message for your call to be returned the next business day. If your afterhours call is of an emergency nature, press zero and your call will be re-directed to the Police Department.



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Interactive Project Map available at:

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Connect With the Village for more!

- Sign up to for project specific notification emails at villageoflombard.org/notifyme.
- Sign up for the Village's weekly e-mail newsletter at villageoflombard.org/enews.
- Connect with the Village on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for alerts, news, and updates.



Preparing For the Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program

How might the cleaning process affect me?

During the cleaning process, sewer lines may develop air pressure or a partial vacuum. Excess air pressure or vacuum usually will dispel through the plumbing vents. Occasionally, facilities with inadequate plumbing vents (i.e. no vents, undersized vents, or obstructed vents) may experience air pressure that can escape through toilets, floor drains, sinks, tubs, or shower drains, causing water to splash out. Vacuums can also draw water out of the fixture traps, causing the trap to become dry and allowing an unpleasant odor to enter the home.

Is there anything I can do to prepare for the cleaning and televising program?

During the televising, keep toilet lids down. To help minimize any potential odors, pour a gallon or two of water into your basement floor drains. By routinely keeping traps full of water, sewer odors can be prevented from entering your home.

What if there is an odor after the work is done?

If you sense any odors after the sewers have been cleaned and flushed, run some water down the sink and bathtub drains, flush toilets, pour some water into each basement floor drain, and open windows. After a short time, the odor should disappear.

