



Tommie's Plumbing Urges Greeneville Residents to Schedule Sewer Line Inspection Following Renewed TDEC Consent Order

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Tommie's Plumbing is advising homeowners across the region to arrange a professional sewer line inspection in the wake of a renewed consent order between the Greeneville Water Commission and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The agreement, renewed on July 28, 2026, and first entered in 2018, addresses ongoing wastewater overflows and effluent limit violations within the city's sewer system.

According to the Greeneville Water Commission, 19 wastewater overflows totaling roughly 79,000 gallons were reported between March 2025 and February 2026. Among them was a major spill in February 2026 caused by a pump station malfunction and a ruptured pump. Officials have identified aging, deteriorated pipes as the core issue, noting that holes and cracks throughout the network allow rainwater to infiltrate the sewer during storms and overwhelm its capacity. Before rehabilitation efforts began, peak flows to the treatment plant during heavy rain reached 14 million gallons a day, double the normal 7 million-gallon average.

The Commission has invested approximately \$20 million in sewer rehabilitation over the past six years and has reduced those peak flows by roughly half. The renewed order still carries a \$6,255 fine along with \$35,444 in potential additional penalties if reporting requirements are not met. Assistant Superintendent and Engineer Eric Frye summarized the situation for local officials, stating, "It takes awhile to get in bad shape, and it takes awhile to get back in good shape."

As a Greeneville plumbing company with three decades of local service, Tommie's Plumbing notes that the same infiltration and deterioration affecting municipal mains also affects the private sewer laterals that connect individual homes to the system. Those private lines fall under the homeowner's responsibility, and the company is encouraging residents to act before a backup or collapse occurs.

"The conditions the city is working to correct do not stop at the property line," said a spokesperson for Tommie's Plumbing. "Cracked and aging laterals allow the same rainwater infiltration on private property, and homeowners often learn about the problem only after sewage has already backed up into a basement or yard. An inspection identifies these issues early, when a repair is far less disruptive than a full replacement."

The company reports that common indications of sewer line trouble include slow drains, foul odors, frequent backups, water pooling in a yard or basement, and unusually lush patches of grass. Tommie's Plumbing offers sewer line repair in Greeneville along with trenchless repair, pipe bursting, and cast iron pipe replacement, methods that reduce excavation and preserve landscaping.

Tommie's Plumbing is a family-owned and operated business serving East Tennessee for more than 30 years. The licensed, bonded, and insured company provides a full range of residential and commercial plumbing services, including sewer line repair and replacement, water heater installation, drain cleaning, septic tank installation, faucet repair, and high water pressure correction. The company backs its work with warranties on materials and labor. The spokesperson added that residents comparing providers can review Tommie's Plumbing reviews to understand the company's approach before scheduling service.

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