

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air Highlights Drain and Sewer Warning Signs for Hendersonville Homeowners

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As the City of Hendersonville continues its investment in replacing and rehabilitating aging water and sewer infrastructure across neighborhoods including the 4th Avenue and Ashe Street area, Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air is drawing attention to the condition of the drain and sewer lines located on private residential property. The municipal work, which addresses pipes dating back to the 1920s, underscores how the performance of underground systems can decline with age, a reminder that extends to the lines homeowners are responsible for maintaining.

While the city project focuses on public mains, Tuck & Howell Plumbing emphasizes that homeowners often overlook the signals that a private drain or sewer line is struggling. Recurring clogs, persistently slow drains, backups, gurgling sounds from fixtures, and odors can point to problems that reach beyond a single blockage. When these issues appear repeatedly, they may indicate a partially collapsed line, root intrusion, accumulated buildup, or a developing break within the wastewater system.

Jay Mahaffey, owner of Tuck & Howell, notes that isolated clogs and recurring drainage trouble are not the same. "A drain that backs up once can usually be cleared with a straightforward service call, but when the same fixtures clog again and again, the cause is often further down the line," Mahaffey said. "Recurring symptoms are the system telling a homeowner that something structural may be happening below the surface."

Tuck & Howell Plumbing explains that recurring wastewater problems warrant a professional evaluation because surface-level fixes rarely resolve an underlying issue in the sewer line. A thorough inspection can identify whether the trouble stems from a localized obstruction or a larger failure within the line, allowing homeowners to address the actual cause rather than repeating temporary repairs. This approach can help reduce the risk of backups that threaten flooring, foundations, and indoor air quality.

The company distinguishes drain and sewer concerns from water-supply issues, which involve the pressurized pipes that deliver clean water into the home. Drain and sewer lines instead carry wastewater away from the property, and problems in these lines present through drainage behavior rather than water quality or pressure. For households weighing both concerns, the company has published separate Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air repiping guidance addressing water-supply systems when that evaluation is appropriate.

Mahaffey added that timing matters when drainage issues surface. "Wastewater problems tend to worsen gradually, so paying attention early gives homeowners more options and fewer emergencies," he said.

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air - Hendersonville connects local residents with drain and sewer services designed to diagnose and resolve recurring issues at their source. The company is not involved in the City of Hendersonville's municipal infrastructure projects and references that work solely as local context for why sewer reliability remains a timely topic for area households.

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air has served Hendersonville families since 1969. The family-owned company provides plumbing services including drains, sewers, water heaters, water treatment, backflow services, and repiping, along with heating and cooling installation, maintenance, and repair, ductwork, indoor air quality, and crawlspace encapsulation.

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