



London Plumbing Company Discusses City Sewer Lines Becoming Overwhelmed

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London, ONT.- City officials are reminding London residents that toilets are not garbage cans. This reminder is coming from eye-popping billboards around the city after sewage lines in London are continually being inundated with disinfectant wipes, gloves, and sometimes masks.

The overwhelmed sewer system cannot handle a build-up of non-flushable material. The ongoing issue is starting to cost the city equipment and has quickly become an unsafe situation. During the early stages of the pandemic, sewer operations crews encountered a problem with disinfectant wipes mixing with grease resulting in sewage backups.

“Our staff has to deal with this 24/7, 365 days a year,” said Barry Orr, sewer outreach and control inspector for the city of London. “When a pump plugs, the worker has to clean it out. Especially during a pandemic, we don’t want to subject them to that. There are a lot of sharps (needles) in the wastewater now. That stuff all gets mixed in there and it’s very dangerous.”

Auditing the blockages has been done by Orr for years. Pre-pandemic, the largest problem for the city system over the past ten years, has been the flushing of wipes. Orr represents Canada, in the pursuit of attempting to establish a universal standard for flushable wipes.

London is positive that no matter what the cause, there are two sure-fire fixes: use the toilet as designed. Second, put all the additional gross stuff in a plastic bag, then place the bag directly in the trash.

As a local plumbing company, Triton has seen firsthand the issues these materials can cause in plumbing systems. The London plumber encourages residents to follow the guidelines provided by the city to avoid long-lasting damage. Triton Plumbing and Service offers high-quality plumbing services to the residence of London. The company's professionalism and attention to detail make cleanliness a priority every time. Call Triton Plumbing and Service today at (226) 270-3550 or visit them online at <https://tritonservice.ca>.

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