



Why did I experience a sewer back-up?

A sewer back up can be a traumatic event. Homes, suffer damage, personal property is destroyed, claims are filed, capital is lost and inconveniences are experienced. There are a variety of reasons why a sewer system can back up, ranging from objects being accidentally placed into the private plumbing system to complete collapse of the sewer pipe.

Why should I replace my sewer?

There are thousands of older homes in Niagara, many with the original sewer pipes still in use. Much like the roof of your home, a sewer connection has a “life span”. Unlike a roof, however, it is difficult to determine the condition of a buried pipe. The most common failure attributed to older vitrified clay pipe is tree roots penetrating the joints of the pipe. Often sewer renewal isn't considered until repeated blockages and back-ups occur.

How is a sewer repaired or replaced?

When sewer pipes fail, the conventional means of repair is to excavate the ground, find the pipe and perform the mend of renewal. Roads, sidewalks, yards, driveways and landscaping may be disturbed when locating and repairing sewer pipes. This typical means of repair is referred to as “open trenching”.

Sewer connections can sometimes run directly underneath other utilities and large trees with extensive and sensitive root systems. In these situations, repairs can be difficult and expensive they require hand digging around the utility or roots.