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**Sanitary Sewer Work Occurring in South Wheeling
Residents Asked to Minimize Water Use**

WHEELING, W.VA. – IPR Northeast, on behalf of the City of Wheeling, is conducting an ongoing sewer line rehabilitation project between 41st and 44th streets along Water Street in South Wheeling. Beginning Monday, April 27 weather permitting, IPR will be rehabilitating lines that connect to residences and is asking that those particular homes temporarily minimize water use while the work is being done.

Public Works Director Russell Jebbia said IPR will be placing notices on the doors of homes impacted by the work that consists of installing a liner inside the existing sewers to renew the sewers quickly and with minimal excavation.

“During this work, the liner being installed will temporarily block the service connection to the sewer main, so we ask that residents minimize water use to reduce the chance of sewer water backup into the residence,” he said. “Until the service is reinstated, minimal restroom usage is acceptable.”

In addition, the City wants to make residents aware of other activity they may be seeing in neighborhoods.

“The liner is installed through existing manholes, so you may see foot traffic and equipment in yards that contain manholes,” he said, adding that while the work is being performed, citizens may notice a cloud of steam rising from the work area and this is normal.

Also, a smell of a resin odor may be noticed. This, too, is normal. Jebbia said to reduce the likelihood of the odor entering a residence, citizens should run water in any infrequently used sinks, tubs or other floor drains.

“If the odor becomes noticeable in the home, please call 301-595-0314 and a crewmember will check it out,” he said.

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