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Homeowner Headaches

Think of everything that goes down your drains and down the toilet. You push the handle and flush it away to the sewer beyond. You'll never see that nasty waste again.

That's it until your sewer backs up.

A sewer line backup is a huge mess. All of the waste leaving your home everyday can suddenly find its way back in. Everything you flush won't go to the sewer and beyond because it won't be able to get there. And that's only if it clogs. If your sewer line cracks or breaks, you're faced with a whole new hassle. At this point, you'll have to dig up your whole yard to replace the broken pipe. It's a costly, time-consuming mess.

But that's only part of the problem.

Beyond those hassles, there's more havoc a backed up sewer can wreak on your plumbing system.

Methane Gas

At the base of your toilet, on the inside, is a guard for your house. You see, all of the waste that goes into the sewer system breaks down to form methane gas. This poisonous toxin is kept out of your home by one small guard, a wax ring. This little ring is your defence from this gas creeping into your home from the sewer.

It's also a leak protector, keeping water from leaking out from your toilet's base. When a sewer backs up, the pressure in the system can cause your friend, the wax ring, to lose its seal. If that happens, your bathroom can become a soggy mess with water

leaking from your toilet and deadly, methane gas entering your home.

Sewage Intrusion

Everything you flush down the toilet or send down the drain has to go somewhere. When the sewer backs up, though, waste has a tendency to end up where it's not supposed to - in your home.

All of the waste that leaves your home may get pushed back in when a sewer back up, causing quite an unsanitary condition in your home. Back ups like this are more than an annoyance, they can damage your home and your plumbing system.

By having your system inspected, you'll discover any safety issues in your plumbing, and you'll be able to detect any minor repairs that could be done to protect you from more expensive repairs in the future.

A System That Doesn't Work

If your sewer is backed up, the water and waste you flush away have nowhere to go. It hangs around in your pipes, creating more and more pressure on your system with each flush.

Eventually, that pressure can have serious consequences on your plumbing system. Gaskets in your fixtures can be blown out causing expensive repairs or replacements, and water and sewage can creep back into your home.

Clogged drains and sewer backups can be a homeowner's worst nightmare with sewage leaking into your home, methane gas creeping in, and a system that's all clogged.

But you can avoid these problems. Practice preventative maintenance with your plumbing system, and you'll avoid these homeowner headaches.

Ask your technician what you can do today to protect your plumbing system, your home, and your family's safety in the future.