

City of Atkins

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The city has arranged for Ken-Way to clean the sanitary sewer system. This will improve the sewer's performance, reduce the chance for future sewer backups, and related problems.

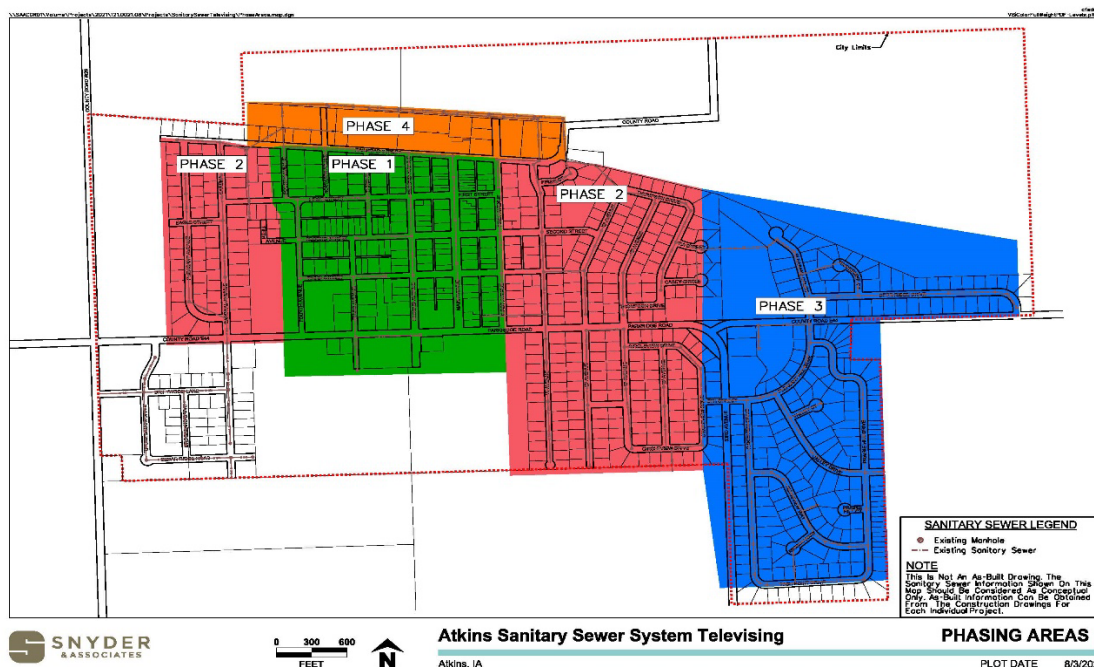
The cleaning process causes a vacuum in the sewer. This will not affect most homes. Homes with inadequate or partially blocked drain vents may be impacted. The pictures demonstrate the cleaning process and how blocked vents affect the process.

The vacuum may cause P-traps to be sucked dry. Should you notice a sewer smell resulting from this, run a little water in your drains to refill the P-traps.

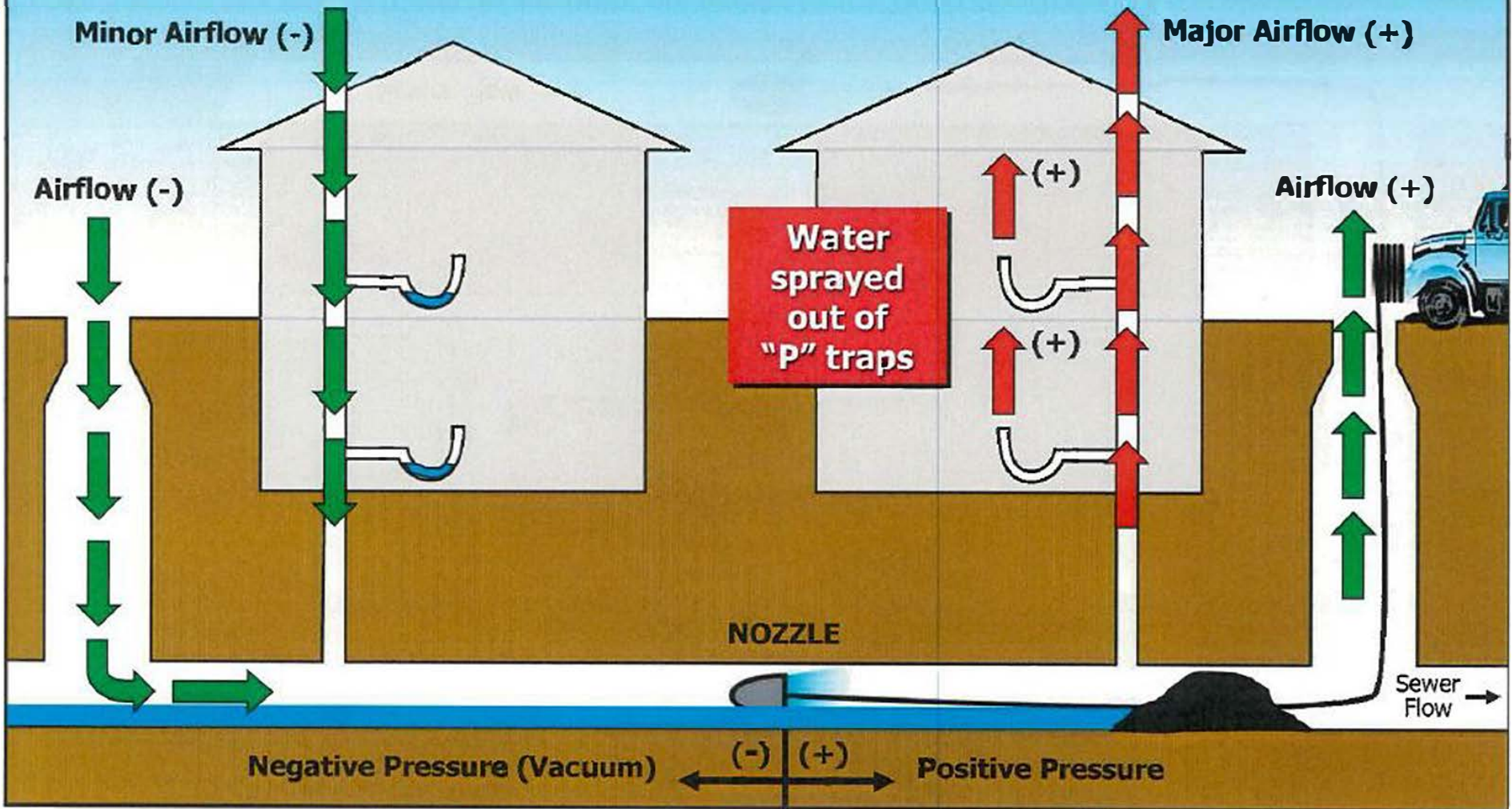
The city recommends that you put the toilet seats down and cover floor drains with car mats on the days the sewer cleaning is scheduled. This will minimize splashing of the P-trap water in homes that are poorly vented.

The city will be cleaning the sanitary sewer system labeled Phase 1 and Phase 2 on the map. If you are in the area labeled "Phase 1 or Phase 2" please take these precautions beginning July 5, 2023, until city issues notice that work is complete.

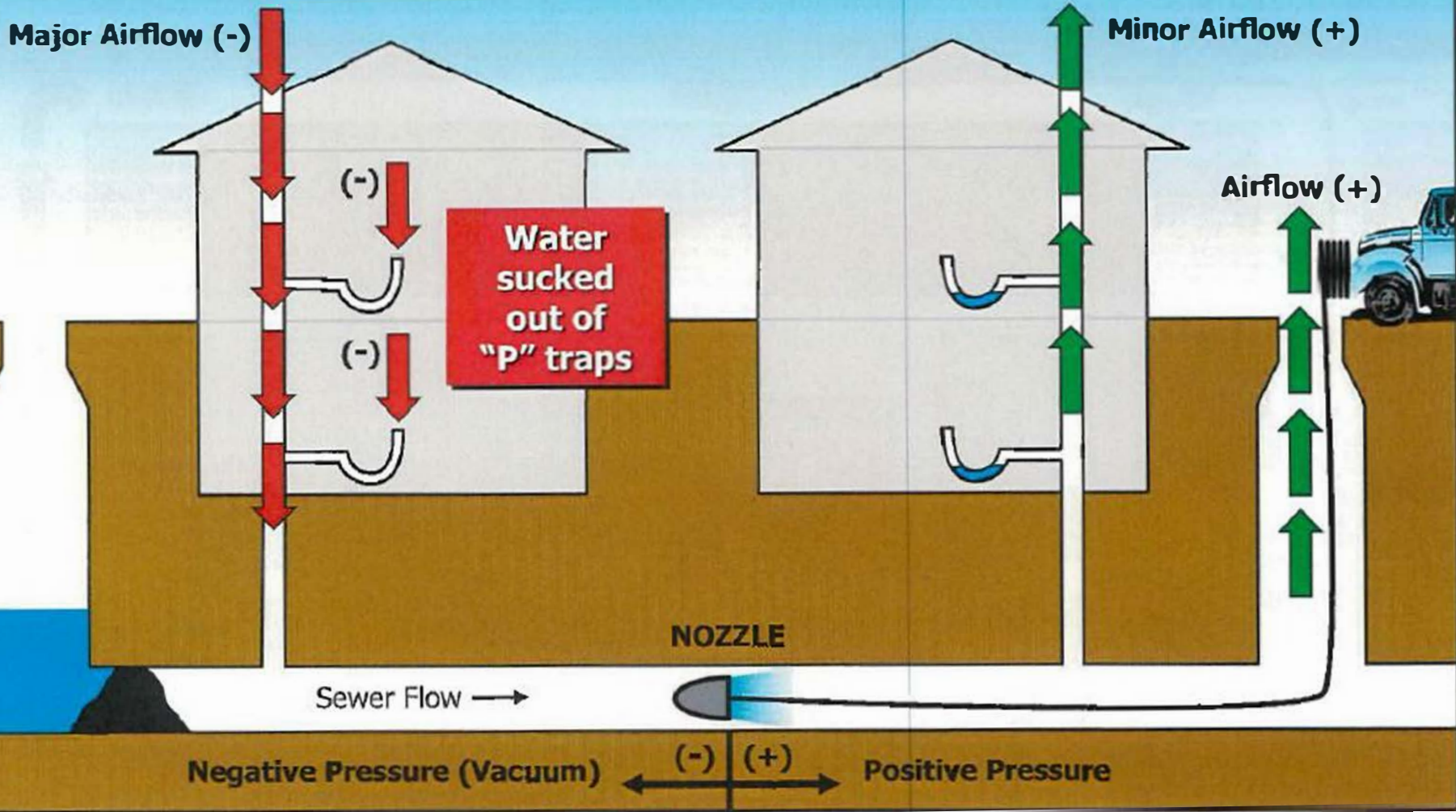
You may call City Hall at 319-446-7870 should you have any questions. Thank you for your help cooperation.



Blockage on positive air pressure (+) side of nozzle



Blockage on negative pressure (-) side of jetter nozzle



Normal conditions - Home owner's plumbing system has proper design and is clean

