Updates to the temporary wastewater conveyance system begin in early November

Crews will be making updates to the temporary wastewater conveyance system of pumps and pipes in early November. Updates may include changes to the pump impellers, model of pump, pipe sizing, and/or pretreatment devices. The installed pumps are requiring an excessive amount of maintenance to adequately convey the wastewater flow past the Coon Rapids lift station construction site.

What is causing excess odors near the lift station?

The existing odor control system at the lift station is undersized and will be replaced with a larger model that has four times the odor treatment capacity. The temporary wastewater conveyance system also will have odor treatment, which will address the odor issues once the temporary pumps begin conveying wastewater flow past the construction site.

MCES is working diligently to make changes to the temporary wastewater conveyance system and get the temporary odor control system into operation. We apologize for the delay in providing a temporary odor control system, as well the delay in replacing current odor control equipment in the lift station with a more effective system. We are scheduled to take the current, worn-out system offline and begin using the temporary system by mid-November. We appreciate your patience and look forward to completion of the lift station improvement project, including the new odor control, in early spring 2021.

What can I flush down my toilet?

While we have your attention, we want to remind everyone about what you should and should not flush down toilets. The only thing you should flush is “poop, pee and TP.” If something CAN go in the trash, it SHOULD go in the trash. Toilet paper is designed to dissolve in wastewater. Do NOT flush items like tissues, paper towels, napkins, and so-called “flushable” wipes. These items do not readily dissolve in wastewater and can clog pipes – starting with the smaller pipes under your home or business. Clogged pipes can cause messy and expensive sewer backups into homes and businesses, and also can result in expensive repairs to local and regional sanitary sewer systems. We have a webpage called “What Not To Flush” that provides guidance for residents, businesses, cities and educators, and notes other items are best thrown in the trash – NOT in your toilet.
Please do not flush these items.

Toilet paper breaks down in water — these items don't!
They can clog your home sewer service line, cause sewage back-ups, and result in expensive repairs to local and regional wastewater systems.

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