

Clean Water 2020



Columbia's Clear Vision For Clean Water

What Problems Are We Fixing?

The Sanitary Sewer Collection System: Columbia's Most Valuable Asset

The City uses a variety of techniques to determine the integrity of existing infrastructure. This allows the City to invest infrastructure renewal dollars where they are needed most. All of these problems can lead to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) which affect public health and the environment.



The Myth of "Flushable" Wipes

Even wipes that are marketed as "flushable" can make it to the wastewater treatment plant in one piece. These wipes can and do cause sewer clogs.



Debris in the System

Roots and Grease



Unwanted Groundwater and Stormwater



Collapsed and Broken Pipes



Insufficient Sewer Pipe Capacity



Third-party Damage



Aging Pump Stations

