Reducing Sewer Odors in Your Home

One of the best ways to prevent sewer odors from entering the home is to ensure that drain traps are filled with water. Drain traps are found under every sink, shower, bathtub, and flood drain. The “U” shape in the piping holds water and prevents sewer gas from the sewer main line from traveling up the piping and into the home. Gas cannot pass through water, so as long as there is water in the drain trap, sewer odors should be minimal.

Basement floor drains and rarely used shower and tub facilities are the likely suspects if sewer odors are entering your home. Sewer odors can be easily minimized by pouring water into the drain and ensuring that the drain trap is no longer dry.

When work is being performed on the sanitary sewer, notices will be sent out for homeowners to take a few moments to ensure that the home’s drain traps are not dry.