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JOHN BEAN SEWERJET BLASTS CLOGS

LAGRANGE, Ga.—The shift from rural living to urbanization places tremendous stress on municipal sewer systems. Roots, dirt, damaged pipes and excessive concentrations of fats, oils and grease cause clogs. Improper disposal of items such as stuffed animals and aerosol cans can cause tremendous problems, too.

Such clogs are tackled with a sewer jetter, a piece of equipment that handles serious emergencies as well as routine, preventive maintenance. In a small Georgia town with a population of 30,000, a sewer jetter gets used half of every day.

Municipal sewer officials are faced with many problems but maintenance tops their lists. "Residents are unfamiliar with what is appropriate for disposal in sewer lines. Just because something fits down the sink or toilet doesn't mean it should be entering the sewer system," said Rick Cordero, whose company manufactures a popular sewer jetter created by its subsidiary John Bean Sprayers.

The sewer jetter plays an integral role in overall maintenance of sewer systems. Only one person is required to operate this piece of equipment, putting less stress on municipalities' personnel budgets. "The John Bean SewerJet 700 is so simple and easy to use that training is hardly an issue," said Mark Davis, wastewater operator for the city of Soperton, Ga. The sewer jetter tows easily and can be operated by one operator from his or her workstation located at the rear of the unit.

Government regulations are requiring communities to assess their water and sewer systems and make improvements. Sewer jetters are used in this system evaluation. Before an inspection camera is lowered into a sewer line to check for potential weak or damaged areas, a sewer jetter blasts the line, clearing it in minutes.

With more demands on city budgets, from addressing global warming trends to replacing crumbling infrastructures, equipment purchases must maximize the dollars spent. "At the end of the day, John Bean SewerJets double as a cleaner of power equipment, including dozers, graders, mowers and trucks. This extends the life of the equipment," said Cordero.

The pressure washer component is a valued feature. "We pressure wash the grease out of the sides of the manholes with the jetter," noted Davis. The city of Soperton received grant money for the purchase of a sewer jetter, so the staff wanted to be good stewards with the funds. They attended a trade show and were convinced the John Bean SewerJet was the safest and most efficient choice.

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