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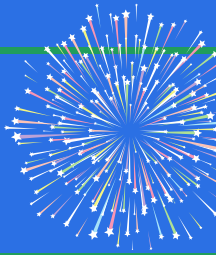
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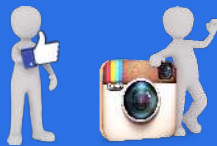
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## What Is Hydro Jetting?

Hydro jetting uses highly pressurized water (up to 4,000 PSI) to break up and remove grease, sludge, and even tree roots from drainage pipes. This pressurized water can clear away just about any obstruction. Think of hydro jetting as pressure washing for the inside of your pipes – only more powerful.



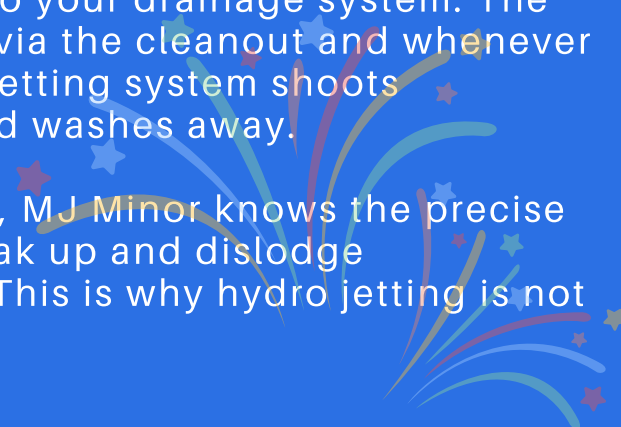


The hydro jetting system consists of a hose, nozzle, and a machine that creates the water pressure. Hydro jetting doesn't use any chemicals, just a lot of water!

Prior to hydro jetting, MJ Minor does an inspection to make sure your pipes are in good condition. This is because water under high pressure can damage frail, older pipes. We also make sure your pipes are not collapsed instead of clogged. If they are collapsed, no amount of hydro jetting will fix them. The pipes will need to be replaced instead.

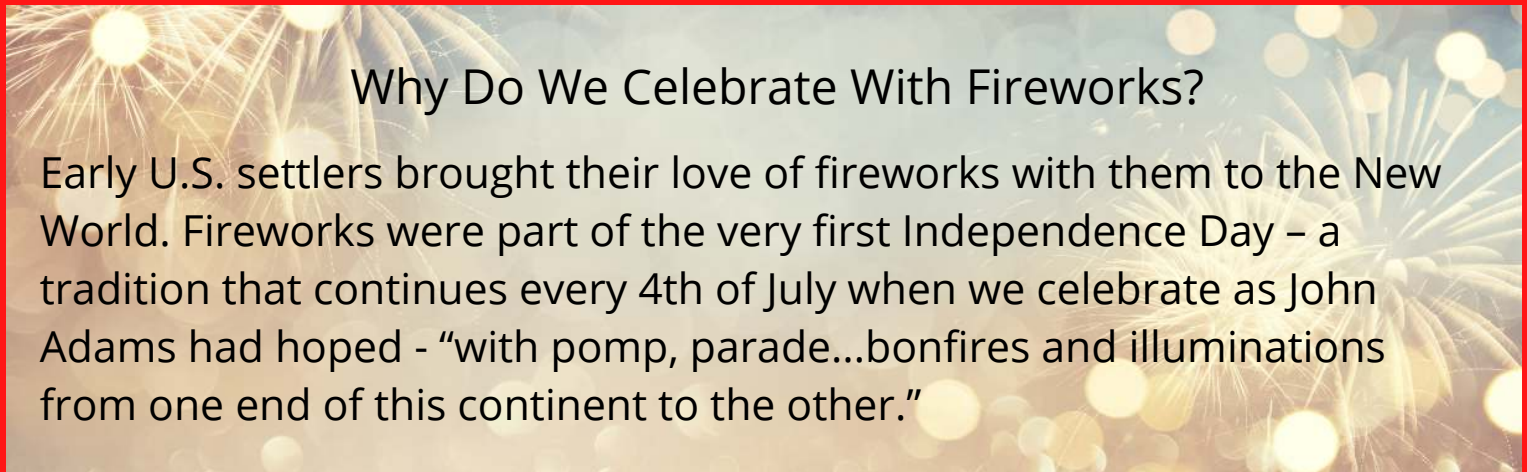
MJ Minor accesses the pipes via a "cleanout." This is a section of pipe with a cap on it that provides easy access to your drainage system. The nozzle and hose are inserted into the pipe via the cleanout and whenever the nozzle encounters an obstruction, the jetting system shoots pressurized water at it until it breaks up and washes away.

As an experienced hydro jetting contractor, MJ Minor knows the precise amount of water pressure necessary to break up and dislodge obstructions without damaging the pipes. This is why hydro jetting is not a "Do It Yourself" project!



## Happy Independence Day, America!

Independence Day, celebrated each July 4, is considered America's birthday. It became a national holiday in 1941. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. Two days later, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, the historical document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.



### Why Do We Celebrate With Fireworks?

Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World. Fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every 4th of July when we celebrate as John Adams had hoped - "with pomp, parade...bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

# MJ MINOR'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Red, White & Blueberry Trifle

This looks difficult but is super easy to make - and you don't have to heat up your kitchen if you use store-bought angel food cake!

### *What are the layers of this trifle?*

This trifle has eight layers. Angel food cake makes up the base, then blueberries, pudding/cream mixture, and strawberries. Next, repeat the layers with more cake, blueberries, and pudding then decorate the top with the rest of the strawberries and blueberries.



### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup plus 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 premade angel food cake, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups heavy cream, at room temperature
- 2 pints blueberries
- 2 pints strawberries, hulled and sliced

### Instructions

1. Heat 1/4 cup sugar, the lemon juice, and 1/4 cup water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in the almond extract.
2. Brush both sides of each slice of cake with the syrup. Cut the slices into 1-inch cubes.
3. Beat the remaining 2/3 cup sugar and the cream cheese with a mixer on medium speed until smooth and light. Add the cream and beat on medium-high speed until smooth and the consistency of whipped cream.
4. Arrange half of the cake cubes in the bottom of a 13-cup trifle dish. Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries. Dollop half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread. Top with a layer of strawberries. Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then sprinkle with more blueberries and top with the remaining cream mixture. Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a decorative pattern. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

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# Staff Spotlight

With Jose Ortiz  
a/k/a "Little Cheuy"

## What Do You Do At MJ Minor?

*I specialize in providing great service for our customers.*

## What Do You Like To Do In Your Free Time?

*I like to spend time with my family. I have 2 sons and 3 daughters.*

## What's Your Favorite place to go on vacation?

*Chicago, Illinois*

## Fun Fact

*I enjoy soccer*