

Healthy New Wave in Bathing: Pipeless Baths

(NAPSA)—Home whirlpool baths may be relaxing, but are they good for you?

It might depend on their pipes.

Even as homeowners have been outdoing themselves in installing such luxurious touches in recent years, experts warn that traditional in-home whirlpool baths may expose bathers to harmful microorganisms growing in their internal piping.

The answer: New pipeless baths eliminate the maze of pipes, pumps and fittings, are easier to clean, and have parts that can be disinfected after each use.

Soaking In The Luxury

In taking such precautions, homeowners would be following the lead of many upscale luxury destinations whose switch to pipeless baths has allowed for evermore creative uses of oils, salts and even—in the case of the Spa at the Hotel Hershey—what's billed as a "whipped cocoa bath."

In traditional piped baths, such additives could be problematic due to potentially unsanitary residue buildup within the hidden mazes of pumps and fittings.

Of course, aside from the health considerations, anyone who's ever slipped into one of the newer pipeless spa baths pioneered by SANI-JET Corporation probably also emerged raving about such lux amenities as their preprogrammed hydrotherapy massage settings, digital treatment timers and soothing chromatherapy lighting. But even their most ardent fans will tell you the biggest "wow factor" may be their ability to guard against dangerous microbes such as mycobacterium, legionella, staphylococcus and pseudomonas.

Safer, Cleaner Soaks

According to research conducted by a leading microbiologist, virtually 100 percent of tra-



Homeowners, spas and hotels are using "pipeless" baths to eliminate the bacteria found in common piped whirlpools.

ditional piped whirlpool baths tested positive for those and other microorganisms.

"Whirlpool baths are luxury items, and—with traditional piped systems—there are virtually no safeguards to protect consumers," says Philip Klement, SANIJET's vice president of sales and marketing. "Our primary focus is on health and safety, and consumers need to be made aware of the hidden risks and the viable alternative solutions."

Klement explains that each jet in his company's pipeless baths, which have been certified by NSF International (formerly the National Sanitation Foundation), can be easily removed and quickly disinfected—"a serious priority," he says—using only about half a gallon of water. That could strike consumers as an attractive side benefit, considering that traditional piped systems consume more than 80 gallons per cleaning.

Taking The Plunge

Consumers can request a free pipeless spa bath DVD and brochure package by calling (877) 934-0477, or they can visit www.sanijet.com to learn more about pipeless spa bathing.