When he's not putting out fires at his full-time job as a firefighter, Dwayne Mitchell spends his time running a successful drain cleaning business in Cordova, Tennessee – Premier Drain Cleaning.

Working alongside his nephew and drain technician, Brandon Mitchell, the team primarily works on residential and light commercial drain cleaning projects, regularly completing pipe relining, CIPP patching, and pipe patching projects for clients.

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For years, cured in place pipe (CIPP) patching has been used globally as a structural repair in short sections of broken and damaged pipe. Today, newer pipe patching systems that eliminate the need to dig have entered the market, providing additional options for trenchless repairs. Fully cured fiberglass patches surpass ASTM F1216 requirements and have a life expectancy range of up to 50 years.

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While not a solution in all cases, there are many situations when opting for pipe patching versus full length lining may be the best choice. For example, when only a small section of pipe needs to be repaired; budget constraints or customer and environmental disruption make replacement impossible; or there are too many bends for full length lining to navigate.

“When you can minimize any of the extraction, having to tear up a favorite tree or remove the family’s swing set, usually can make a customer for life, a person that really believes in you and wants pipe patching done,” Dwayne said. “The sales factor is automatically eliminated when you tell them we can just do this one spot and don’t have to spend $8-10,000 to do the whole line.”

Recently, Dwayne decided to try the 3- to 4-inch RIDGID Pipe Patching Starter

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System, a solution that included the basic equipment needed for trenchless point repairs, but he had his doubts about it after his experience with another pipe patching system.

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The other benefit Brandon and Dwayne have seen is the time savings: “We set it up, put it in, clean up our work space while its curing, and boom, it’s done. We’re collecting our money; we’re done and on our way,” Dwayne said.

From start to finish, repairs can be made with the RIDGID system in two hours or less. “Take it from me, the RIDGID Pipe Patching System is the way to go. Everything from how the sticks (air push rods) are constructed, to the pipe patch system, to the containment system, everything about this product is a good-to-go for me,” Dwayne said.

RIDGID Pipe Patching Kits let users make fiberglass repairs on up to 6 feet of 2- to 6-inch pipe in hours and can be used on all sections of pipe, including straights, bends, transitions, and p-traps. Get high-quality, long-lasting results in a fraction of the time. Show up, clean, inspect, and patch all in one job.