



# Sanitary Sewer System Smoke Testing

The City's conducting smoke testing in localized areas. Smoke testing is important because millions of gallons of storm water infiltrate our system each year and can overload our collection system and treatment plant. The sanitary system is designed for wastewater from homes and businesses to flow to the SAM treatment plant.

Smoke testing will help locate and identify the source of storm water infiltration in the sewer system.

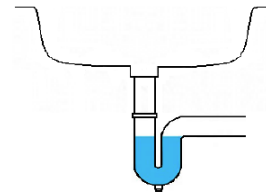
During the test, crews will send white smoke into the sewer system by blowing it into a manhole, and monitoring where the smoke escapes the system. The smoke is safe, non-toxic, odorless and non-staining.

Owners will be notified by mail prior to the testing of their area. Owners do not need to be home during the testing period and can continue using the facilities.



While testing, smoke may be seen around manhole covers, storm drains, roof vents and areas of defects. Smoke will not enter your home or business unless there is an issue with the plumbing.

Prior to any testing, pour water down all the drains to fill traps, especially if you have a bathroom or plumbing fixture that isn't used regularly.



P-Trap holding water

All Public Safety (Police & Fire) authorities and SAM have been notified of locations and dates of areas to be tested.

For information on smoke testing, call our Public Works Department.

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