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# **NOTICE**

## **SMOKE TESTING SEWERS**

**Our Utility Operations will be conducting smoke testing on our sanitary sewer collection system in your area on:**

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\*\*\*WEATHER PERMITTING\*\*\*

This test will assist us in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. During the test, YOU MAY SEE SMOKE COMING FROM VENT STACKS ON ROOF TOPS OR FROM HOLES IN THE GROUND. Don't be alarmed, the smoke is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before we conduct the smoke test, please pour water into your floor drains, showers, bathtubs, sinks and flush your toilets. This will seal your drain traps so that smoke will not enter your home through the drain.

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If smoke should enter your home during the test, open your windows and doors to vent the smoke out of your house and then you should immediately contact a plumber to check for defects in your plumbing. Remember if the smoke is entering your house then so are the harmful sewer gases.

Please notify us before we conduct the test if you have any of the following situations:

- Any individuals with respiratory problems who will be at home during the testing
- A person who will be alone and is an invalid or sleeping during the test
- Elderly persons who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke

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