

Notice of Sewer Smoke Testing

Starting Monday, July 31, through Friday, August 11, the City of Three Rivers will be smoke testing the sanitary sewer lines throughout the City. Work will occur on weekdays from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Testing involves blowing a harmless smoke into the sewer system to find problem areas, including damaged pipes, improper connections and unwanted storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. The smoke used is a non-toxic substance made for this purpose that is harmless to humans, pets, food and material items. During the test, we will be looking for smoke coming from roof vents, catch basins, clean-outs, downspouts, manhole covers, etc. The smoke should not enter your home or business if it is properly plumbed, vented and the water traps contain water. If smoke enters a home or building, it will clear in a few minutes with proper ventilation.

HOW CAN I BE PREPARED?

You may have fixtures (sinks, bathrooms, showers, floor drains) that are seldom used. Pouring a gallon of water into the fixture will fill the water trap preventing smoke from entering your home or business if the plumbing is functioning properly. Your presence is not required during the tests, and all public safety authorities will be notified of this event.

We would appreciate it if you would mention this notice to your neighbors in case they are not aware of the testing.

WHAT IF SMOKE ENTERS MY RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS?

If smoke enters your home or business, please notify our on-site personnel conducting the tests or contact:

City of Three Rivers	Fleis & VandenBrink
Department of Public Works	Project Engineer
Terri or Amy	Colleen Walsh
269.273.1845	-or- 616.588.1912
Non-emergency Central Dispatch 269.467.4195	

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the test, health issues or any other concerns, feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation.