



## **SEWER SMOKE TESTING TAKING PLACE**

City staff are preparing to smoke test sanitary sewer lines in your neighborhood. Crews will release a nontoxic smoke into the sewers, and the smoke will show leaks, breaks, or faulty connections in the lines. Breaks or faulty connections can allow clean water into the sanitary sewer system, which can overflow it in a significant storm, and result in significant treatment costs to the City and the Residents. Finding and sealing breaks helps us reduce the likelihood of these events. Reducing clean water in the sanitary sewer system reduces the amount of sewage treated, which saves all of us money.

An open house was held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at City Hall to talk about the testing occurring.

## **SMOKE TESTING IS TAKING PLACE IN YOUR AREA THIS WEEK: August 18-20**

### **PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR THE TEST**

Smoke from the test could enter your home through floor drains and unused toilets, sinks or showers. While all drains have water traps to prevent fumes from entering homes, floor drains can dry up. Make sure the drains in your residence have water in them so they can prevent smoke from entering. Pour a bucket of water down floor, sink or shower drains or down any toilets that haven't been used in a month.

### **THE SMOKE IS NONTOXIC**

The smoke used in the test is nontoxic and won't stain curtains or any other fabric. However, the smoke may cause some coughing and can be an irritant to people or pets with respiratory conditions. The City recommends that people with these types of health concerns notify us during testing.

**UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS THE SMOKE WILL NOT ENTER YOUR HOME AND SHOULD VENT OUT THE STACK IN THE ROOF.**

Call Brian Simmons at 952.448.8838 xt2714 if:

- You or someone in your home has mobility limitations, respiratory conditions or other health concerns that may be aggravated by exposure to the smoke.
- There is a daycare or nursing home operated on your property.

Safety is the first priority - call 911 if you see smoke that you are not certain is the result of City smoke testing.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit the city's website at: <http://www.greenwoodmn.com/>

Email [BrianSi@Bolton-Menk.com](mailto:BrianSi@Bolton-Menk.com)

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Map of Areas to be Smoke Tested

