



## SEWER SMOKE TESTING TAKING PLACE

City crews 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 rainwater into the sanitary sewer system, which can overflow it in a significant storm. Finding and sealing breaks helps us reduce the likelihood of overflows. Also, reducing rainwater in the sanitary sewer system reduces the amount of sewage treated, which saves all of us money.

## 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 in basements or in garages 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.

Many apartment buildings have a basement common area for laundry or storage. If you are in an apartment, pour water down laundry tub or floor drains in these common areas.

## 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 stay away during testing.

Call 612-673-3543 for a special notification 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.

Call 911 if you are not certain that the smoke is the result of the City's testing.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Go to [www.minneapolismn.gov/smoketesting](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/smoketesting)
- Call 612-673-3543



# A smoke test will be performed on your street in spring or summer



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### SEWER SMOKE TESTING IS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Within about two months of this notice, a smoke test will be performed in the sanitary sewer lines in your area. A notice will be hung on your door one to three working days before the test. Each test is about 30 minutes long.

*Thank you for your cooperation in this effort to provide you with quality sanitary sewer service.*



Minneapolis **Surface Water & Sewers**

Call **311** or visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/smoketesting](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/smoketesting)

**Attention.** If you need this material in an alternative format or have other questions please call 311 or 612-673-3000.

**TTY** users may call 612-673-2157.

**Atención.** Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700.

**Ogow.** Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500.

**Ceeb toom.** Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800.

### Sewer Smoke Test Notice Questions? Read inside.

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