



Information on Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing

The City of Gladstone and Clackamas Water Environment Services will be smoke testing sewer lines in the Gladstone area in September and October

Water Environment Services and the City of Gladstone will be conducting leak detection test on the pipes of the city's sanitary sewer system during the months of September and October.

Smoke tests are performed by pumping a special non-toxic, non-staining, odorless smoke into the sewer lines to detect leaks in our pipes. If there is a crack or break anywhere in the pipeline, smoke will rise to the surface and the crew can visually see the location where repairs are needed.

If your property will be impacted by the test, you will receive a hand delivered notice to your front door 24- 48 hours prior to the test. During the brief test procedure, you may expect to see small volumes of test smoke coming from neighboring roof vents or system manholes, etc. The smoke should not enter your home or place of business unless there is some form of defective plumbing or you have dried up the drain traps. However, we ask that you pour three (3) or four (4) cups of water into all sinks, showers and floor drains the day before the testing in your area. The notice you receive prior to the test will repeat these instructions. There will be no reason for any member of the testing crew to enter your residence during the test.

Although the smoke used in the testing is harmless, if during the test smoke does enter your home or business, please contact the outside field crews working in your area; they will help you find the leak and help prevent further incidence of smoke entering the building. Please note the smoke used does not create a fire hazard.

If you have any further questions about the smoke testing program, please contact Gladstone Public Works at 503.656.7957 or via email at PWoffice@ci.gladstone.or.us

For any other general questions, please contact the Project Engineer, Dana Devin-Clarke at (503) 941-0656. Thank you for your cooperation.