



SMOKE TESTING OF SANITARY SYSTEM IN YOUR AREA!

City of Oakland Park Resident:

The City has contracted with **Hinterland Group, Inc.** to conduct smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system, within your neighborhood. The purpose of the smoke test is primarily to detect any potential breaks and/or defects in the sewer system.

Please do not be alarmed. The smoke is not harmful to you! It is non-toxic and harmless to you, your pets, food, clothing, drapes and furniture. This is a controlled and scheduled process that utilizes an odorless, inert product. **Although there is no need for any unease,** please note that Public Safety Authorities have been made aware of the upcoming testing, in the case of any emergency.

Testing will occur during the month(s) of February through March, 2017, during daylight hours, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

****Frequently Asked Questions****

What exactly is a smoke test?

- Smoke blowers are placed on manholes and smoke is blown through the sewer system. Anywhere the smoke exits, there is potential for storm water to enter the sewer system.

What can I expect to see?

- You may see smoke coming out of roof vent pipes, open plumbing outlets, manhole covers, or infrequently used drains.

We recommend that you flush all toilets, and run water through all sinks, tubs, and laundry drains, before the first day of the testing period, to make sure that all drain traps contain enough water to prevent smoke from entering the building.

What should I do if smoke comes out of a plumbing fixture in my house?

- Smoke should not enter your home if it is properly vented, and water traps under drains, contain water. However, if smoke does enter your home or building, you should open windows and doors to dissipate the smoke.

If smoke does enter, it will usually clear within about 15 to 20 minutes once windows and doors are opened. Please advise a testing crew member of any smoke in your home.

If someone is ill at home, what should we do if smoke gets into the building? Open windows for ventilation. This will allow the smoke to dissipate. **Please note: Your presence at home is not required during the test.**

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works/Operations Division at (954) 630-4430, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, if you require assistance after hours, please call (954) 561-6275.

The City of Oakland Park appreciates your patience and cooperation in this matter. Thank you!