



# News Release

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### ***Crews to Conduct Smoke Testing in Eastern Portion of the City***

The City has contracted with Pipeline Analysis to conduct smoke testing of sanitary sewer lines in portions of the city. The testing will take begin on Wednesday, September 29, weather permitting. Residents will receive a door hanger notification on their front door up to 48 hours before testing will begin in their area. See the map for the testing area.

Crews with Pipeline Analysis will open manholes in the streets and backyard utility easements. At no time will field crews have to enter businesses or residences. During the testing, white smoke will exit through vent pipes on the roofs of homes and through sewer line breaks. The smoke should not enter homes unless defective plumbing exists or drain traps are dry. For seldom used drains, residents should pour a gallon of water in the drain to fill the drain trap.

Smoke testing is one of the maintenance tools the City uses to prevent inflow/infiltration which is when stormwater gets into pipes causing increased flows to the wastewater treatment facility resulting in increased costs to the City. The information gained from this study will be used to repair and improve our wastewater collection system.