



NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING SANITARY SEWER LINES

The Town of St. Marys is conducting a smoke test of the sanitary sewer system

[July 10, 2015]

The Town of St. Marys will be conducting a sanitary smoke testing assessment in your area. Smoke testing is a common tool used to detect stormwater inflow sources such as roof downspouts, driveway and yard drains, foundation drains and stormwater drainage system cross connections. Smoke testing can also detect and identify structural deterioration and leaking joints in sewer pipes and aging infrastructure.

The Town will be smoke testing your area on [July 13, 2015].

During the testing, you may see smoke coming from roof vents, building foundations, manholes, etc. The smoke will not enter homes or businesses if the building is properly plumbed, vented and water traps contain water.

If smoke enters the home or business, sewer gases may also be entering the home or business. Sewer gases have the potential to be hazardous in certain circumstances. Therefore, if you observe smoke entering your home or business through the drains you should use caution, ventilate your building and evacuate the home or business. If you observe smoke entering your home through the drains, you should immediately contact the Town of St. Marys or notify the work crews in the area. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, please contact the Town at 519-284-2340.

The smoke is Non-Toxic, Non-staining, white to grey in colour, creates no fire hazard, may have a slight odour and may be a slight irritant for some people. If there is any individual in your home or business who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us in advance of testing at 519-284-2340.

If we are unable to conduct the smoke testing in your area on the above referenced day, this work will be rescheduled and you will be notified with an updated letter.

In an effort to help you understand the process, we have included a Fact Sheet for your review.

For more information, please visit our website at www.townofstmarys.com/InflowandInfiltration.aspx

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