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## SMOKE TESTING SANITARY SEWER LINES

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

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The Town of St. Marys will commence smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system on July 13, 2015. This work program is expected to last 3 weeks.

The Town's sanitary sewer system is separated from the storm sewer system and is not designed to handle stormwater. A "Smoke Test" is a common tool used in sanitary sewer systems, to locate breaks, defects or illegal connections allowing stormwater into the system. While work crews are conducting the smoke testing, you may notice smoke coming from pipes or eavestroughs on houses or holes in the ground. The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drains. It is advised that property owners pour a gallon of water into each drain prior to testing.

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.**

The program is to be completed on 32,000 metres of sanitary sewer and will be done in segments. Notices will be delivered 24-48 hours in advance of testing each area.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.TownofStMarys.com/InflowandInfiltration.aspx](http://www.TownofStMarys.com/InflowandInfiltration.aspx)