



PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN SEWER SMOKE TESTING

To Residents and Occupants of the Town of McAdenville:

Work crews will be conducting smoke testing of the Town's sanitary sewer system in your area on **Feb. 22-24**. This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and public utility easements. An important task of this testing is to detect any breaks and defects within the sewer system.

A special non-toxic smoke is used in these tests. The smoke manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals, or stains, and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, please pour water into your floor drains and into any unused sinks to fill the drain. If smoke should enter your home or place of business, it may be due to:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed, or missing.
- Pipes, connections, and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

All, note that if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gasses and odors from the sewer may also enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a health risk to the occupants. Should smoke enter your home or business open doors and windows to ventilate the smoke.

The information gained from this testing will be used to improve the Town's sewer services.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Town Hall at 704-824-3190.