



CITY of CANFIELD

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Re: Smoke Testing occurring in your neighborhood (June 27th – July 1st)

Dear Resident(s),

In order to continue to identify failures in the sanitary sewer system, and make the necessary improvements to our infrastructure, the City of Canfield will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer lines located in proximity to your residence. The smoke testing will occur over a three (3) day period during the week of June 27th through July 1st.

Smoke testing is a common test method used to identify sections of the sanitary sewer collection system that have defects such as cracks, leaks or faulty connections that allow rainwater to enter this underground pipe network. Since the sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle sewage, the addition of rainwater/storm water causes many problems in the collection system.

During this "Smoke Test Survey" crews will puff a white smoke product known as "LiquiSmoke" into the sanitary sewer system. The smoke will escape through openings such as holes in manhole covers and plumbing vent pipes located on or near rooftops. Smoke will also escape through defects such as cracks or breaks, open or broken cleanout covers, damaged or defective manhole frame seals, illegally connected roof or area drains and any other opening(s).

If you experience smoke in or on your premises, **DO NOT BE ALARMED**. The City will be working with fire department personnel in order to assist in identifying smoke that could result in a fire, and would be unrelated to the testing. The smoke is odorless, non-toxic and non-staining. It will dissipate quickly. It will not harm people, pets, or plants, nor leave a residue.

If you identify smoke in or on your premises, please notify the onsite crew. Smoke should only enter your premises if the traps in your home are dry or defective, or if you have uncapped or broken sewer drain pipes. You may want to pour water down your drains or unused plumbing fixture(s) to ensure the drain trap will be effective, you may also run water through these fixtures for approximately one minute.

If you have questions, or need additional information regarding the testing being performed please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 330-533-1101 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Respectfully,

Wade Calhoun
City Manager
City of Canfield