

Public Notice to West Milford Sewer Customers

SMOKE TESTING PROGRAM



is presently conducting a sewer study to locate storm water sources that may be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Connections such as catch basins, roof drains, area drains, broken sewer pipes and open pipe joints will be located through a method called *smoke testing*.

The testing is performed on sewer manholes that are typically located in the streets or near your residence. **NON-TOXIC** and **NON-STAINING** white smoke is inserted into the sanitary sewer system by means of a smoke generating device. During the test, smoke will be observed emitting from the manhole covers on the street and vent pipes located on the homes and local business establishments.

PLEASE DO NOT BECOME ALARMED; THIS IS NORMAL.

Smoke could enter your home if you have a dry trap within the premises. This may be a basement floor drain or some other unused plumbing fixture. Pouring water down these drains or other seldom-used fixtures will help assure that smoke does not enter your dwelling. A plumbing defect within a building may also allow smoke to enter. The homeowner may want to address this plumbing defect since odors sometimes develop in the sewer system and could possibly enter the home through this defect.

In the unlikely event that smoke enters your building, **DO NOT BE ALARMED**

Open windows and doors to ventilate the building, and contact the people outside conducting the smoke tests. You will easily recognize them by their bright red vans and brown uniforms. They will try to assist you in locating the source that allowed the smoke to enter your building. If you can't find the truck, please feel free to phone crew chief Brian Mieldazis at his cell phone: (215) 207-4542.

It is not necessary for you to be home while the testing is being performed. Once you have received this notice, the testing will be performed within 24 to 72 hours. Weather conditions (heavy rain) or weekends could possibly shift the testing beyond the 72-hour time frame.

The goal of this program is to reduce costs in the sewer and minimize flooding. Thank you for your cooperation in this most worthwhile effort.

