



Sewer Smoke Testing Notice for Township Residents

The Township of Jefferson is performing an evaluation of our sanitary sewers. Smoke testing forces smoke through manholes and piping to expose breaks and leaks which allow rain or groundwater into the sanitary system. This testing may also benefit you by revealing plumbing issues in and around your home that can allow sewer gas into your residence.

- **Smoke testing will begin in your neighborhood on or about October 3, 2023** and continue for one to two weeks (Monday-Friday) between 8 AM and 4 PM. Your street should be completed in a single day.
- **Non-toxic, non-staining white smoke** will be released into each manhole for 10-30 minutes.
- **There will be no impact on your drinking water** or any use of sinks, showers, or toilets.
- You may notice smoke rising from the ground, catch basins, roof vents, and other locations.
- Your presence at home is not required during testing.

Smoke will not enter your home under most circumstances. If it does, it indicates a plumbing issue you were unaware of that could allow sewer gas into your residence. In almost every case, the defect is minor (dry plumbing trap, problem with cleanout/drain cap, faulty wax seal under your toilet).

If you do encounter smoke in your home - the smoke is non-toxic, non-staining, and safe for pets. To avoid any irritation, residents with respiratory/cardiovascular conditions should move to a clear area or step outside until it dissipates. The testing crew (H2M) can assist you in locating the source (they will wear bright green safety vests). You may also call H2M at (973) 492-3300.

For general questions or concerns, please contact the Township Business Administrator's office at - (973) 208-6102 or by email at dmillikin@jeffersontownship.net. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.