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PUBLIC NOTICE

SEWER SMOKE TESTING

Please be informed that the City of Falmouth Public Works Department along with Envirotech, Inc. will be conducting smoke testing to complete our Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study on Monday June 26, 2017 through July 7, 2017 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (depending on weather).

The testing is being conducted to inspect for any damage to the sanitary sewer pipes. During this test, white smoke is introduced to the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. Throughout the test white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located in the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your home. This is normal and should not cause alarm.

Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is a dry plumbing trap in an unused plumbing fixture (usually in the basement) or a plumbing defect. If you have unused plumbing fixtures like a shower, toilet, or floor drain it is recommended that you pour water into (or flush) the plumbing fixture to ensure that the traps are not dry and smoke does not enter your property. Should smoke from this testing be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is water-based, non-toxic, non-staining, and dissipates quickly through open windows. Any smoke inside of a building should be reported to the persons conducting the tests in the field.

Please contact the City of Falmouth at (859) 654-6937 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the smoke testing.

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