

CITY OF WATERBURY
DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
SMOKE TESTING NOTICE

During the coming week the City's certified contractors, DPC Engineering LLC and Jacobs Engineering, will have crews testing the sanitary sewers in your neighborhood. Contractors will be wearing Highly Visible Protective Equipment with their respective company Logo. These tests involve blowing harmless smoke into the sewer to find where unwanted storm water enters the sewer.

As a result of these tests, smoke may be seen coming from roof vents, building foundations, manhole covers and various other areas. This is normal and not a cause for alarm.

The smoke should not enter your home if your house has proper plumbing and ventilation and the water traps contain water. Please run water in fixtures that are not regularly used to allow the water traps to fill.

If smoke does enter your house, please report it to the crew on site or call 860-463-6957. The smoke is a non-toxic, odorless substance that is clean and harmless to humans, pets, food and material goods. But it may be irritating to the nasal passage. Do not be alarmed and do not call the Police or the Fire Department unless you are sure there is a true emergency.

The smoke:

- Is NON-Toxic
- Is White/Gray in color
- Leaves no residue
- Does not pose a fire hazard

If smoke enters your home this indicates that DANGEROUS SEWER GAS could be regularly entering your home and a licensed plumber should be contacted to address the source of the smoke.

Your presence at home is not required during the test. All public safety authorities have been notified.

If you have a respiratory condition or other concerns or would like more information, contact:

The Department of Water Pollution Control

at 203-574-8265

or

Jacobs Engineering Group

at 860-593-5138

Website

<https://www.waterburyct.org/services/water-pollution>