



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Smoke Testing – 7 Day Notice

Date(s): March 29, 30 and 31, 2023

The Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (GNHWPCA) in conjunction with the City of New Haven and Connecticut Department of Transportation, will be conducting smoke testing investigations in your area on the above date(s). These investigations are being conducted to identify sources of extraneous water that discharge into the sanitary sewer system.

The testing involves blowing white smoke into the sanitary sewer lines in the street and observing/recording where the smoke leaks out. This may include smoke coming out of manhole covers, storm drains, and the ground through broken pipe laterals. The smoke is harmless, odorless, non-staining, and leaves no residue. A Material Safety Data Sheet can be provided upon request. The smoke will not enter your house or building unless there are defects in your sanitary plumbing. Although unlikely, should smoke enter your building, do not be alarmed. Simply open the windows, and then notify the crew in the street that smoke has entered your building. Please be assured that the smoke will disappear quickly. Prior to testing, you can reduce the chances of smoke entering your building by flushing each toilet and pouring about a gallon of water down each sink and floor drain in your home. This will allow water to fill each trap (bend in the piping under the fixture), which will in turn prevent the smoke from entering the building.

The smoke testing is being coordinated by SLR Consulting and conducted by EST Associates, Inc. Field crews will be on your street to perform this test. Representatives of SLR and EST will carry photo identification and EST vehicles will be clearly labeled with the company name and phone number. The hours for testing are between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Monday through Friday. The Fire, Police and Public Works Departments are being notified daily of all smoke testing work locations.

If you suffer from lung or respiratory ailments, please contact EST at (781) 455-0003 and special arrangements will be made.

If you have any specific questions regarding the smoke testing, please contact Shawn Slowey at EST at [\(781\)-726-2443](tel:781-726-2443), or call the GNHWPCA emergency number at 203-466-5260

March 15, 2023