

## **\*IMPORTANT\***

### SMOKE TESTING OF SEWERS

The Wastewater Utility will be conducting smoke testing of the sewer lines in your area \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The testing will involve the opening and entering of manholes in streets, alleys and easements to assess the condition of the sewer system.

To prepare for the smoke testing, please follow these steps to prevent smoke from entering your home:

- ◆ Pour at least one (1) gallon of water into your basement and/or garage floor drains.
- ◆ If this is a downtown business, we may ask that you allow us into the basement to observe the buildings plumbing.
- ◆ Run water, for two minutes, in each of your sinks and tubs.

These steps should be repeated weekly on unused drains to prevent noxious gases from entering your home.

If you have defective plumbing, smoke may enter your home. It is at the homeowner's discretion to contact a licensed plumber for repairs on private property.

The smoke is not poisonous, it does not stain fabrics, nor is it harmful to your health. You may see smoke rising from your gutters or house vents. **DO NOT BE ALARMED!** This is an efficient way for the City to assess the condition of the sewers.

You will be notified by mail if we see any problems at your residence.

Your cooperation during this work activity is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call our office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_.

**\*\* If you have a dog that is loose, please chain it up to protect City personnel \*\***