



Village of Northbrook

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Monday, June 3, 2019

Subject: Upcoming Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing To Be Completed in Your Area

Dear Resident,

Beginning the week of Monday, June 17, representatives from the Village's contractor, RMS Utility Services of Crystal Lake, will be in your area for the purpose of evaluating the condition of the sanitary sewer system and private homeowner service laterals, weather permitting. Crews will be evaluating the sewer mains and laterals through smoke testing, which is a process in which non-toxic, non-staining liquid smoke is pressurized through the sewer mains. This process helps identify defects within the sewer system, which the crews will note for future repair.

What to Expect During Testing

During this testing, you may see smoke rising up from sanitary sewer manholes, vent stacks located on the top of your home or other buildings and areas where the smoke testing is being conducted. Crews will be surveying the area where testing is being completed and documenting any areas where smoke is found. As part of this, crew members may need to temporarily enter your yard. All crew members will have identification badges and will be wearing company uniforms at all times.

Do I Need to Be Home During This Testing?

No. However, there is a possibility that smoke may inadvertently enter your home through a dry sewer drain trap. To reduce the chance of this happening, please pour one (1) gallon of water down each of your drains, especially those drains in your basement, upon receipt of this letter or the pink door tag that will be placed on your door two to three days before the test on your street. This will help seal the drain traps so the smoke cannot enter. If you are concerned that the smoke in your home may not be related to the smoke testing, please do not hesitate to call the Fire Department at 9-1-1. The Fire Department is aware of this testing.

How Will I Be Notified Before Testing Begins?

Two to three days prior to testing beginning, RMS will place pink door tags on each home that will be included in the testing area with the anticipated date that testing will occur. Additionally, the Village will issue an automated telephone call through Northbrook Notify the day prior to testing beginning for each section. To sign up for Northbrook Notify, please visit www.northbrook.il.us/northbrooknotify. Finally, the Village will update its website (www.northbrook.il.us/smoketesting) with the status of work each day for residents' reference.

Where can I get more information?

More information on smoke testing and a daily log of work can be found on the Village's website at www.northbrook.il.us/smoketesting. For any questions, please contact RMS at 888-655-4085 or Public Works Department at 847-272-4711.

Sincerely,

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