

CITY OF FROST
SEWER SMOKE TESTING
PUBLIC NOTICE

To ALL Residents and Occupants of the City of Frost:

The City of **Frost Utilities Department** will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system in the upcoming months. This testing will begin in **AUGUST 2023**. This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the street and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of where storm and other surface water enter the sewer system.

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains, and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation. Odors are normal, if you experience smell or smoke open doors and windows to air it out.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basin, showers, and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed, or missing.
- Pipes, connections, and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a health risk to the occupants. Should smoke enter your home or business, you may contact a member of smoke testing crew working in your area. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers.

If you experience a problem and the crews are still in your area, feel free to reach out to them directly. If not, reach out to **CITY HALL**.

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