

ATTENTION

SMOKE TESTING & SEWER SURVEY AUSTIN, TEXAS

In the next few days, inspection crews will be conducting a physical survey of a portion of the City of Austin sanitary sewer system. This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and easements. An important task of the survey will be the "SMOKE TESTING" of the sewer lines to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke that you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is HARMLESS, HAS LITTLE ODOR, AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. If this occurs, you should consult your licensed plumber. In any event, if the harmless smoke can enter through faulty plumbing, the potential exists for dangerous sewer gases to enter your home. Should smoke enter your home, you may contact a

member of the smoke testing crew working in the area and he will be pleased to check with you as to where and why the smoke has entered your home. If you have any seldom-used drains, please pour water in the drain to fill the trap, which will prevent smoke from entering there. Drain traps should always be filled with water to prevent sewer gases or odors from entering the building. It is also recommended that the central air conditioning condensation trap be filled. This can be accomplished by running the unit several hours prior to smoke testing. Some sewer lines and manholes may be located on the backyard easement property line. Whenever these lines require investigation, members of the inspection crews will need access to the easements to inspect the sewer lines and manholes. GSW personnel are uniformed and carry identification badges. Homeowners do not need to be home and AT NO TIME WILL FIELD CREWS HAVE TO ENTER YOUR BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE.

Photographs will be made of leaks occurring in the system. We anticipate the smoke testing will require a few hours in your area. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The information gained from this study will be used to improve your sewer services.

Coordination of efforts will be between GSW & Associates and the City of Austin.

If you need special assistance, have any type of respiratory problem, or would like more information, we encourage you to contact David Koberlein at 972-620-1255 or Mark Adams at 512-371-9144 with GSW & Associates or Joseph Molis with the City of Austin at 512-927-4374. Information is also available on the World Wide Web at www.gsw-inc.com.



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