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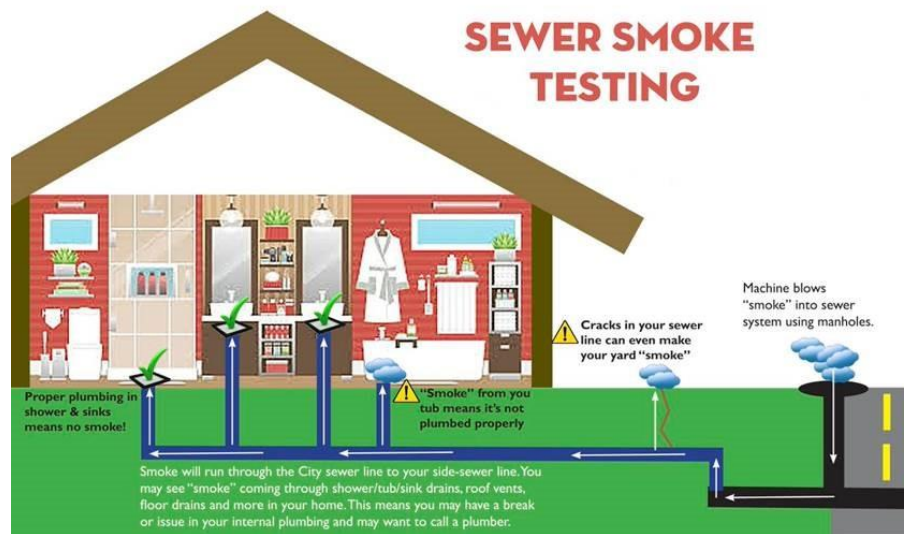
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## Harrisonburg Public Utilities conducting annual testing of sewer system

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg’s Public Utilities Department will soon begin its annual testing of the sanitary sewer system.

The effort involves release of a non-toxic and non-staining test smoke into area manholes, which will travel through the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of this testing is to detect any breaks or leaks in the City’s system and make appropriate repairs, if necessary.

Testing begins Monday, Oct. 3, and will run through November. During this time, residents may notice smoke rising from manhole covers, yards where systems run, or even from their bathtubs, toilets or sinks.



(Above) This graphic shows how the annual testing works, and where residents may notice some smoke. Testing begins on Monday, Oct. 3.

The city has a total of 190 miles of sewer lines and a section of those lines are tested each year.

Some smoke will be seen being released from rooftop plumbing vents, which is an indication of a properly installed plumbing system.

### Tips for residents:

- Pour one gallon of water into the drain traps of floors, sinks, showers, and tubs, which will prevent sewer gases or smoke from entering a home or business.
- If the non-toxic smoke enters a residence or business, this is a sign of a defect in the plumbing. When this occurs, there is no need to contact emergency services. Open a window or door for ventilation, note the location of the smoke, and contact a qualified plumber.
- Anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions should not stay in a building where smoke has entered as a precautionary measure.

Anyone with questions may contact Public Utilities at 540-434-9959.

This year’s testing will take place in the following areas:

- Alexander Hamilton Lane
- Allegheny Avenue
- Betsy Ross Court
- Blue Ridge Drive
- Bluebird Court
- Bluestone Hills Drive
- Bobwhite Place
- Broadview Drive
- Burgess Road
- Cherrybrook Drive
- Clay Street
- Constitution Court
- Country Club Court
- Country Club Road
- Crystal Lane
- Deyerle Avenue
- East Market Street
- Eastover Drive
- Emerald Drive
- Evelyn Byrd Avenue
- Falcon Court
- Financial Drive
- Founders Way
- Goldfinch Drive
- Hawkins Street
- Honeysuckle Lane
- John Hancock Place
- John Paul Jones Lane
- Linda Lane
- Meadowlark Drive
- Medical Avenue
- Meridian Circle
- Mockingbird Drive
- Molly Pitcher Place
- Morninglory Court
- Mountain View Drive
- Nathan Hale Court
- Neff Avenue
- North Carlton Street
- Norwood Street
- Oakland Street
- Oriole Lane
- Patrick Henry Place
- Paul Revere Court
- Pheasant Court
- Redwing Court
- Reservoir Street
- Robin Court
- Settlers Lane
- Sparrow Court
- Spotswood Drive
- Spotswood Terrace
- Star Crest Drive
- Summerfield Drive
- Terri Drive
- University Boulevard
- Vine Street
- Wellington Drive
- Woodbury Circle
- Wren Way

**Harrisonburg City Schools**

- Skyline Middle School
- Smithland Elementary School
- Elon Rhodes Early Education Learning Center

- Harrisonburg Health & Rehabilitation, 1225 Reservoir Street
- Med Express, 1840 East Market Street
- National Business College, 1515 Country Club
- RMH Corporate Health, 1790 East Market Street

