



PUBLIC NOTICE

To All Residents:

On June 25th, 26th, and 27th the city will be conducting leak tests in the sanitary sewer system by blowing a nontoxic smoke into the sewer pipes in your neighborhood. The smoke will reveal sources of sewer odors and defects and places where stormwater and other surface waters enter the sewer system.

A special nontoxic smoke will be used in these tests. It is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residue or stains, and has no effects on plant and animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some of this smoke may enter your house under the following conditions:

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

If traces of smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer could also enter which is a serious health hazard to the occupants. By smoke testing in your area, the location, identification, and correction of the defect sources can be identified and corrected by the responsible party.

If smoke testing reveals that your downspouts are connected to the sanitary system, they must be removed from the system which is the responsibility of the property owner. Any repairs needed inside the home also is the responsibility of the property owner.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Mike Reese the wastewater operator at (740) 238-6074 between the hours of 7a to 3p.

City of Martins Ferry Wastewater Dept.