

9/8/2020**NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER SMOKE TESTING**

The City of Savannah will be undertaking a program to investigate sources of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing will be conducted in the City from **Monday 9/14/2020 to Friday 9/18/2020** by MSA Professional Services, Inc. Smoke will be introduced into the sanitary sewer system to locate inflow and infiltration (I&I) sources such as illegal or inadvertent connections with storm drains, down spouts, and broken sanitary sewer pipes. The smoke is intended to fill the sanitary sewer system and will release from such cross connections and illegal/inadvertent connections. As a result, smoke can potentially enter homes and buildings through infrequently used plumbing connections. Although the smoke is non-toxic and non-staining (it is not a product of combustion), it can be an irritant if it is inhaled.

TO PREVENT THE RELEASE OF LIQUID SMOKE INTO YOUR HOME, OFFICE, OR BUILDING, THE CITY REQUESTS THAT RESIDENTS POUR WATER DOWN ANY INFREQUENTLY USED FLOOR DRAINS, SINK DRAINS OR TOILETS TO FILL THE PLUMBING TRAPS WITH WATER BEFORE 8:00 AM, ON THE DAY TESTING BEGINS.

In the event that smoke enters your home, office or building during the testing period, immediately ventilate the building to disperse the smoke. If you cannot locate the source of the smoke, please notify the **fire department at (815) 273-2246 (non-emergency)** or City Hall immediately.

Your cooperation will help the City of Savannah identify and remedy problems with our sanitary sewer system. Residents with questions should contact City Hall at (815) 273-2251 or Scott Duckett (MSA) at 309-945-2034.