



ATTENTION RESIDENTS: SEWER WORK NOTICE SMOKE TESTING



The Franklin Sewer Department will be performing a sewer system study and smoke testing to locate storm water sources that may be connected to the Franklin Sanitary Sewer System. We will be contracting with Flow Assessments Incorporated of Goffstown, NH. They will be accompanied by staff from the Franklin Fire and Sewer Departments. Connections such as catch basins, roof drains, sump pump connections and area drains as well as broken sewer pipes and open pipe joints, will be located through a method called "smoke testing." Identification of these sources is critical to ensure the availability of sewer capacity for the town's sewer customers both now and into the future.

The testing is performed on sewer manholes that are typically located in the streets or near your residence. **NON-TOXIC AND NON-STAINING** white smoke is inserted into the sanitary sewer systems by means of a smoke generating device. During the test, smoke will be observed emitting from the manhole covers on the street and vent pipes located on the homes and local business establishments.

PLEASE DO NOT BECOME ALARMED, THIS IS NORMAL.

Smoke could enter your home if you have a dry trap within the premises. This may be a basement floor drain or some unused plumbing fixture. *i.e.* an old sink or shower stall that is seldom used. **Pouring water down these drains or seldom used fixtures prior to smoke testing will help to assure that smoke does not enter your dwelling.** A plumbing defect within the building may also allow smoke to enter. The homeowner may want to address this plumbing defect since odors sometimes develop in the sewer system and could possibly enter the home through this defect.

In the unlikely event that smoke enters your building, **DO NOT BE ALARMED. We will have City Staff from the Franklin Fire Department and Franklin Sewer Department on site working with the contractor. They will be easily identifiable wearing City uniforms and badges.**

Open windows and doors to ventilate the building and contact the people outside performing the smoke tests. They will try to assist you in locating the source that allowed smoke to enter your building.

Smoke testing will be conducted beginning the week of September 29, 2014.

The following streets are on the list to be performed: North Main St, East High St, Green St, Lancaster St, Leach Ave, Myrtle St, Orchard St, Pine St, Pleasant St, Poplar St, Prospect St, Russell St, South Main St, Salisbury Rd, School St, Summit St, Terrace Rd, Thunder Rd, View St, Woodridge Ave, Winnepesaukee St.

Should you have any questions, please call the Franklin Municipal Services Department at 603-934-4103 or better yet seek out the on site City Staff person(s) assigned to the project.

Thank you for your cooperation in this most worthwhile effort.