

Notice of Sewer Smoke Testing

On 09-24-14 and 09-25-14 a contractor (Louisiana Rural Water Association) working for the City of Walker will be performing smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system. Work will occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The following areas will be tested: Amie Street to Gaylord Road on Hwy. 190; Gaylord Road to Aydell Street; Morning Glory Court, Achord Lane, Carolyn Street, Joyce Street, Lynn Street, Jan Street, Dana Street; Aydell from Gaylord to Park Street; Park Street to Hwy. 190 to Aydell; Valerie Street and Clarence Street.

These tests involve blowing harmless, *simulated smoke* into parts of the sanitary sewer system. The intention of the testing is to identify sources of unwanted rain water (inflow) and ground water (infiltration) that may be entering the City's sanitary sewer system. Storm water and ground water entering the sanitary sewer places an unnecessary (and expensive) burden on the pipes and the sewage treatment facility. It may also cause sewage backups in homes via improper connections such as roof downspouts, building foundation drains, and storm drains.

During the testing you may notice smoke coming from roof vents, downspouts, inlets, cleanouts, sewer manholes, and inlets. The smoke will not enter your home or business if it is properly plumbed, vented, and all water traps contain water.

The *simulated smoke* used is non-toxic and harmless to humans, pets, food, and material items. If smoke does enter your building, it will clear in a few minutes with proper ventilation. If smoke does enter your home or building, please contact the City of Walker at 225-665-4356. This could be an indication that you have a problem in your plumbing system.

Your presence is not necessary during the tests. All public safety authorities will be notified prior to the testing. Please mention this notice to your neighbors to help us spread the word.