

PUBLIC NOTICE to All Residents and Occupants of the City of Glasgow

The City of Glasgow Public Works Department, in cooperation with the Missouri Rural Water Association, will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system next week beginning December 8th and 9th.

This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of storm and other surface water entering the sewer system.

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in the testing. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains, and has no effect on plant or 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 smoke may enter your home or place of business if:

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

All residents are advised if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a health risk to the occupants. Should smoke enter your home or business, correction of these problems should be done in an urgent manner.

While the City of Glasgow will render all possible cooperation, the correction of these defects on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. The services of a professional plumber, is many times required.

Your cooperation is appreciated. The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact the City offices during regular business hours.