



# VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER WILL TEST THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THROUGH SMOKE TESTING**

This letter is to notify you that the Village of Port Chester plans to start testing the sanitary sewer lines in your neighborhood as part of our Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Program. The program objective is to remove storm water sources from the sanitary sewer system, reduce demand at the wastewater treatment plant and protect the environment.

The “WHITE Smoke” used for testing is non-toxic, non-staining, odorless, and non-hazardous and is manufactured specifically for this purpose. This type of testing is a standard method of detecting sewer defects and storm water cross-connections to the sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing consists of placing a high-capacity blower on top of a sanitary sewer manhole and forcing “white smoke” down into the sewer system. The smoke, under pressure from the blower, travels through the sewer system and escapes through any connection, cracks, leaks, etc., along the way to reveal sources of I/I within the study area.

See attached Smoke Testing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for more information.

The smoke should not enter your building or residence, but if it does, it will not have a distinct odor and should only last a few minutes with proper ventilation. You do not need to be home during the smoke testing fieldwork.

Smoke should not enter your home; however, if it does this could be an indication of a defect in your plumbing system. This defect could allow sewer gases to enter inside your home, which is a potential health hazard. Corrections of such defects on private property are the responsibility of the property owner, and a licensed plumber should be consulted to ensure the proper corrections are made. If smoke does enter your home or building, please notify the field technicians who are conducting the test. The information gathered during the smoke testing project will be used to create a prioritized response plan to reduce I/I impacts to the sanitary sewer system. Sewer defects may exist on both public and private property and will need immediate attention and remedy.

For further guidance or information about this program or test procedure, please call (914) 939-2200.