



Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Program

NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING WILL COMMENCE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SOON (24-48 HOURS)

The City of Oregon will be smoke testing sanitary sewers in your area within the next 24-48 hours, weather permitting.

Smoke testing is used to locate breaks, cracks, leaks, and cross connections with rain water sources to the sanitary sewers. Large quantities of rain or ground water in the sanitary sewers can lead to Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) or sewage backups into residential homes and businesses.

The smoke used is non-toxic and non-hazardous and is manufactured specifically for this purpose. It leaves no residuals or stains, and has no effects on plants or animals.

Important Instructions for Residents Prior to Smoke Testing:

- **Make sure all drain traps and plumbing fixtures have water in them. Fill seldom used drains (such as basement floor drains, garage sinks, etc.) with water by running the faucet for 30-60 seconds or filling the drain with approximately 3 cups of water**
- **Prepare drains as soon as you receive this smoke testing notice, this only needs to be done once before testing begins**
- **You do not need to be home during the smoke testing field work**
- **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 Oregon Fire and Police Departments have been made aware of the smoke testing project areas and schedule.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience this project may have on you. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding smoke testing, please call (419) 698-7047.

The City of Oregon, Department of Public Service, is also maintaining a website designated for the I/I Reduction Program:

For project updates, project maps, important notices, and more information please visit <http://www.oregonohio.org/Engineering/inflow-infiltration.html>