

NOTICE : Smoke Testing of Sewer Lines

The Department of Public Works is about to begin a smoke testing program to locate places where storm water or other surface water is capable of entering the sewer collection system. This investigation will occur in the Byram, Glenville, Pemberwick, and Central Greenwich areas. Once the sources are located, the Town can properly design their methods of removal. By removing these flows the Town will avoid sewer overflows, which have a negative economic and environmental impact.

The investigation involves forcing a non-toxic smoke into the sewer collection system. The smoke is almost odorless, quickly dissipates, and is non-staining; it is not harmful to people, pets, plants, or furnishings. The smoke will be forced through the sewer and any outlets connected to the sewer will vent the smoke; outlets are typically identified as roof stacks on buildings, catch basins, and sewer manhole covers. Other outlets for the smoke include gutters, catch basins, and cracks in the road or even landscaping.



While most people will not notice the smoke the Town would like for you to have as much information as possible about the program. Internal building plumbing is always designed with a water trap at all sinks, toilets, and shower drains; properly functioning traps will prevent smoke from entering the house. To ensure that your trap is full please pour about one gallon of water into all drains that have not been used recently.

Smoke testing will take place in your area within the next week, weather permitting. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please call 877-402-6847 and a representative from the Town will speak with you, or you can find out more online at www.greenwichct.org/sewer. Your cooperation is very important for the success of this program and we are very thankful for those who have helped us so far.