



PUBLIC NOTICE

Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing

November 12th - 14th



The City of Hawkinsville, in conjunction with the Georgia Rural Water Association, will conduct smoke testing to check for leaks, breaks and defects in the sanitary sewer system. This smoke testing is part of our continuing effort to provide a safe, economic, efficient, and environmentally-sound sewer system. **The smoke used for this test is manufactured for this purpose, is non-toxic, non-staining, has no odor, and creates no fire hazard.**

During the test, you may see smoke coming from the plumbing roof vent on houses. This is normal and expected.

The smoke should not enter your home unless there is a defect in your home's plumbing system or dried-up drain traps.

SMOKE TESTING FAQs

What is a smoke test and why is it conducted? Blowers are placed on manholes and smoke is blown through the sewer system. Anywhere smoke is observed escaping from the sewer piping may indicate a potential location where rain can enter the sewer system. These areas are identified so repairs can be made.

Is the smoke hazardous? The smoke is specially-formulated for this purpose and is non-toxic and harmless. It does not create a fire hazard.

How long will the smoke testing take? Each area will require approximately 30 minutes to complete.

What happens if the smoke enters my home? Contact one of the uniformed crew members who will be inspecting outside for leaks. If the smoke enters your home, it may indicate a defect in your plumbing requiring a plumber to repair.

Will the smoke hurt my pets if they breathe it or the smoke gets on them? The smoke is non-toxic to humans and animals.

Do I need to be home during the smoke testing? No, and the crews do not need to enter your home unless there is a problem you want documented.

If any individual in your home or business has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us at 478-892-3240 prior to testing