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SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC WORKS WILL SMOKE TEST SEWER LINES

Springfield, OR – On September 29th the City of Springfield Public Works Department will smoke test selected sanitary sewer lines serving homes and business' in the area of 9th to 12th, Centennial to Olympic. The purpose of the smoke test is to determine if there are defects or broken pipes in the system. By forcing smoke into the pipes and observing where it escapes (house vents, downspouts, surface areas above the pipes, etc.) defects can be located.

Smoke will enter a building if there is a defect in the plumbing or an open window. Any smoke observed inside a home, business, or other property should be immediately reported to the City personnel conducting the test or by calling 726-3761.

Although the smoke does not have any long-term health effects, it may cause an irritation of the nasal passages and unnecessary exposure should be avoided.

The City provides written notice to home and property owners at least 48 hours in advance of the test. If occupants suffer from a respiratory ailment such as emphysema and should not be in contact with the smoke, call the City at 726-3761 or contact the personnel conducting the test.

In order to perform the smoke test it may be necessary for City personnel to enter onto private property. If this is an inconvenience, there are animals involved or you have any questions, please call 726-3761.