

# TOWN OF GARFIELD

## PUBLIC NOTICE – SMOKE TESTING JULY 28TH – 30TH

TO ALL OCCUPANTS AND RESIDENTS:

THE TOWN WILL BE CONDUCTING LEAK TESTS IN THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BEGINNING TUESDAY, JULY 28TH THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> DURING REGULAR DAYTIME BUSINESS HOURS.

TESTING WILL BE DONE BY BLOWING SMOKE INTO THE PIPES. THIS SMOKE WILL REVEAL SOURCES OF SEWER ODORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AS WELL AS PLACES WHERE STORM AND OTHER SURFACE WATERS ARE ENTERING THE SANITARY SYSTEM.

A SPECIAL, NON-TOXIC SMOKE WILL BE USED IN THESE TESTS. THE SMOKE IS MANUFACTURED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT LEAVES NO RESIDUALS OR STAINS AND HAS NO EFFECTS ON PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE. THE SMOKE HAS A DISTINCTIVE, BUT NOT UNPLEASANT ODOR. VISIBILITY AND ODOR LAST ONLY A FEW MINUTES, WHERE THERE IS ADEQUATE VENTILATION.

BECAUSE THE PLUMBING APPLIANCES IN YOUR HOUSE OR BUILDING ARE CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SOME OF THIS SMOKE MAY ENTER YOUR HOUSE IF THE:

- VENTS CONNECTED TO YOUR BUILDING'S SEWER PIPES ARE INADEQUATE, DEFECTIVE OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED.
- TRAPS UNDER SINKS, TUBS, BASINS, SHOWERS AND OTHER DRAINS ARE DRY, DEFECTIVE, IMPROPERLY INSTALLED OR MISSING.
- PIPES, CONNECTIONS AND SEALS OF THE WASTEWATER DRAIN SYSTEM IN AND UNDER YOUR BUILDING ARE DAMAGED, DEFECTIVE, HAVE PLUGS MISSING OR ARE IMPROPERLY INSTALLED.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED THAT IF TRACES OF THIS SMOKE OR ITS ODOR ENTERS YOUR HOUSE OR BUILDING, IT IS AN INDICATION THAT GASES AND ODORS FROM THE SEWER MAY ALSO ENTER. THESE CAN BE BOTH UNPLEASANT AND DANGEROUS, AS WELL AS A HEALTH HAZARD TO THE OCCUPANTS. LOCATION, IDENTIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF THE SOURCE OF SMOKE THAT ENTERS YOUR HOUSE IS URGENTLY ADVISED.

WHILE THE TOWN WILL RENDER ALL POSSIBLE COOPERATION, THE CORRECTION OF ANY DEFECTS IN THE PIPES AND SEWER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER. THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL PLUMBER ARE ADVISED.

IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOME IS CONFINED TO BED OR HAS BREATHING OR RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE AGGRAVATED BY SMOKE ENTERING YOUR HOME PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. ALSO, IF YOU WILL BE AWAY DURING THE DAY AND HAVE PETS IN THE BUILDING IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO LEAVE A WINDOW PARTIALLY OPEN SO THAT ANY SMOKE WILL NOT ACCUMULATE AND FRIGHTEN THEM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR DESIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT 635-1604 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 P.M.

DAVE ULRICK, SUPERINTENDENT