



**City of Saint Paul
Public Works Department
Sewer Utility**



SEWER TESTING NOTICE

Necesita esta traducción? Comuníquese con nosotros al 651-266-6234.
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Where and when we are testing our sewers:

The City of Saint Paul will be doing our yearly sewer tests in your area from **May 20** through **September 27, 2019**. The inspection crews will not need to enter homes and buildings, unless to gain access to building rooftops.

How and why we test our sewers:

We safety test the sewers to find leaks before they become larger problems. This testing is essential to keep our sewer system working well. **We test our sewers by putting simulated smoke into the sewers to find leaks and faulty connections.** The test lasts about 30 minutes.

How the test impacts you:

You might see the simulated smoke coming from utility covers, storm drains, roof vents, and building foundations. The simulated smoke is not expected to enter your home or building, but if it does, don't be alarmed – simply open doors and windows to ventilate the area. The simulated smoke should clear out quickly. The simulated smoke is safe, but may cause some irritation.

If there is an individual in your home or building who has respiratory problems and/or mobility limitations, please contact our contractor, S.E.H. at 612-219-4231 before May 20, 2019.

What you need to do:

If you see simulated smoke inside your home or building, there is no reason to be alarmed. You can call our contractor, S.E.H. at 651-238-0572.

We work with both the police and fire departments while testing to make sure everyone is aware of the testing and ensure the Fire Department is not called for false alarms.

Check out the enclosed map to find out if your area is in the testing area. We will also call you and leave a door hanger prior to the test.

**Informational Meeting:
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (anytime between 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.)
Battle Creek Recreation Center, 75 Winthrop Street South, St. Paul**

For more questions contact our contractor at 612-219-4231 or visit stpaul.gov/sewertesting.

INFORMATION ABOUT SEWER SAFETY TESTING

The process:

- Simulated smoke will be injected into the sewer system. As a result, simulated smoke may be seen coming from manhole covers, storm drains, roof vents, and building foundations.
- The sewer safety test will last approximately 30 minutes.
- Inspection crews will not need to enter buildings, unless to gain access to building rooftops.
- Faucets and bathroom facilities can still be used during testing.

To prevent simulated smoke from entering your home or building (*complete prior to test*):

- Run water faucets for a few seconds in unused sinks, tubs, and drains to fill fixture traps.
- Pour water into each floor drain (at least 1 gallon).
- If you have defective plumbing (i.e. no trap), you should consult with a licensed plumber.

If you notice simulated smoke in your home or building:

- Do NOT become alarmed.
- Open doors and windows to ventilate the premises to clear the simulated smoke.
- Contact the project contractor, S.E.H. at 651-238-0572.
- Simulated smoke will not stain walls or furniture; nor will it leave a residue.
- Contact a licensed plumber in the near future to find out if you have a problem with your sewer connection.

Safety and health concerns:

- **There is NO danger in the sewer safety testing process.** The simulated smoke will not cause a fire.
- Saint Paul Police and Fire Departments will be notified of the sewer safety testing.
- **Simulated smoke is not harmful to your health, but may cause some coughing.** Simulated smoke irritation is temporary and should disappear after exposure has ceased. If you do encounter the simulated smoke – avoid unnecessary exposure to it.
- The simulated smoke is not harmful to pets, but it would be a good idea to leave windows partially open for ventilation, should any simulated smoke enter the home or building.
- If you have proper plumbing connections and all of the drain traps have water in them, there should not be any problem.
- **If there is an individual in your building, business, or residence who has respiratory problems and/or mobility limitations please contact our contractor, S.E.H. at 612-219-4231 before May 20, 2019.**
- A copy of Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the simulated smoke can be found at stpaul.gov/sewertesting

For Questions Before Testing – Please Contact Saint Paul Sewer Utility:



Primary Contact:
S.E.H.
612-219-4231

Alternate Contact:
Sewer Utility Service Desk
651-266-6234

For Questions During Testing – Please Contact S.E.H.:



Sewer Testing Crew (S.E.H. - Saint Paul Contractor)
651-238-0572