

**CHARLES COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**



**NOTICE  
Smoke Testing Sewers**

**The Charles County Department of Public Works, Utilities Division will conduct smoke tests of sanitary sewers in your area on:**

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These tests will assist us in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. During the test, YOU MAY SEE SMOKE COMING FROM VENT STACKS ON BUILDINGS OR FROM HOLES IN THE GROUND. Do not be alarmed. The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before we conduct the smoke test, please pour water into your basement floor drains and into any unused sinks. This will seal the drain traps so that smoke will not enter your home or building through the drain.