

Smoke Testing Results

The City of Manistee recently completed smoke testing of its sanitary sewer system. The purpose of this testing was to assist in identifying illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system. These illicit connections consist of points where surface water or groundwater directly or indirectly discharge into the sanitary sewer system. The smoke testing did result in smoke entering some residences and commercial properties. The smoke is non-toxic, however, if you noticed smoke in your property, this is an indicator that sanitary sewer gases are not being trapped by your plumbing fixtures. It is unhealthy and unsafe to allow these gases to pass into your home. In most cases, this is the result of floor drains or sink traps drying out, therefore allowing gases to pass by them. If you experienced any smoke in your home, or notice the smell of sewer gas in your home, you should fill your traps with water. If you do not have any traps, you should contact a licensed plumber to help identify the source of the sewer gas. If you have any questions regarding the smoke testing performed, you can contact the City DPW office at (231) 723-7132.

