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MEDIA ADVISORY

City of Bastrop to Conduct Smoke Testing of the Wastewater Collection System

Bastrop, Texas, The City of Bastrop will perform a Smoke Test Survey of the wastewater collection system located from Hill to Carter and from the Mesquite Rail Road tracks October 23rd through November 11th, 2017. This survey involves the opening and inspecting of manholes and sewer lines, which can be in easements or in the street. "The City of Bastrop is utilizing these smoke tests to locate breaks and potential defects in the sewer system," said Curtis Hancock Water & Wastewater Superintendent.

The smoke that customers may see coming from vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is harmless, has little odor and create no fire hazard. "The only way it would enter anyone's home is if they have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps," said Hancock. Customers experiencing these issues should contact a licensed plumber. If the harmless smoke enters through faulty plumbing, the potential exists for dangerous sewer gases to enter your home or business. Should smoke enter a home or business, customers should contact a member of the City's Water and Wastewater department who can inspect the sewer lines. City of Bastrop crews will be distributing information to Customers in the affected area. "Crews will be accessing sewer manholes in utility easements on private property, if the line requires investigation, members of the inspection crew will need to gain access." said Hancock.

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