City of Melrose to Conduct Smoke Testing

In order to improve sewer service, on behalf of the City of Melrose, Weston & Sampson will be conducting smoke testing on portions of the sanitary sewer system throughout the City from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the months of October and November 2019.

These inspections are being conducted as part of Melrose's 2019 Sewer Investigation Program. The purpose of smoke testing is to locate sources of rainwater entering the sanitary sewer. By removing this extra flow, Melrose will reduce the amount of unnecessary wastewater it sends to the MWRA. This extra flow is called inflow. The reduction of inflow is an important component of the City's present Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) reduction program.

During the test, white smoke is introduced to the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE ALARM.

Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is either a dry trap in an unused fixture or a plumbing defect. You may wish to pour two gallons of water down any basement floor drain or unused plumbing fixture to ensure that the drain trap will be effective.

Should smoke be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, and dissipates quickly through open windows. IF YOU HAVE A LUNG AILMENT or RESPIRATORY CONDITION SUCH AS ASTHMA OR EMPHYSEMA, STAY AWAY FROM THE SMOKE. Any smoke within a building should be immediately reported to the persons conducting the tests.

Weston & Sampson company vehicles are black and/or gray with the company name on the sides, and their personnel will be wearing shirts with the Weston & Sampson markings. All Weston & Sampson staff will carry a current identification card.

Any questions should be directed to Weston & Sampson at (781) 462-6172. Leave a message including your name, address, and telephone number and your call will be promptly returned.

Work Areas for Spring 2019 Sewer System Investigations			
SUBAREA 12	SUBAREA 13	SUBAREA 19	SUBAREA 23
ASHCROFT ROAD	BELLEVUE AVENUE	ASHCROFT ROAD	ARGYLE STREET
BELLEVUE AVENUE	BEVERLY STREET	AVON STREET	CASS STREET
CASS STREET	CITY HALL PLAZA	BATCHELDER STREET	FAXON STREET
DELL AVENUE	CRYSTAL STREET	BROOKLEDGE ROAD	FLORENCE AVENUE
EAST FOSTER STREET	EAST EMERSON STREET	BURRELL STREET	GOOCH STREET
EASTMAN PLACE	GREEN STREET	COUNTRY CLUB ROAD	GOSS AVENUE
ESSEX STREET	HILLSIDE AVENUE	EAST EMERSON STREET	GROVE STREET
FAULKNER PLACE	INGALLS COURT	EAST FOSTER STREET	LARRABEE STREET
FELTON PLACE	LEBANON STREET	EAST STREET	LAUREL STREET
FIRST STREET	LYNN FELLS PARKWAY	ELM STREET	LEBANON STREET
GENEVA ROAD	MAIN STREET	FIRST STREET	LYNDE STREET
GOOCH STREET	MELROSE STREET	GARFIELD ROAD	MERIDIAN STREET
GREYSTONE ROAD	ORIENT AVENUE	GENEVA ROAD	PERHAM AVENUE
HILLSIDE AVENUE	PORTER STREET	HARDING COURT	RADCLIFFE ROAD
LARRABEE PLACE	ROWE STREET	HARDING ROAD	SIXTH STREET
LARRABEE STREET	SHORT STREET	HILLCREST AVENUE	SWAINS POND AVENUE
LEBANON STREET	WEST EMERSON STREET	KENISTON ROAD	WHITMAN AVENUE
LEONARD ROAD	WINTHROP STREET	LARCHMONT ROAD	
MAIN STREET		LINCOLN STREET	
PARKER STREET		LINDEN ROAD	
PHILPOT TERRACE		LYNN FELLS PARKWAY	
ROWE STREET		MARMION ROAD	
SEWALL STREET		MEADOWVIEW ROAD	
SIXTH STREET		NORMAN ROAD	
STEVENS PLACE		OLD BROOK CIRCLE	
UPHAM STREET		ORIENT AVENUE	
UPHAM TERRACE		ORIENT PARK	
WEST FOSTER STREET		ORIENT PLACE	
WINTER PLACE		PORTER STREET	
WINTER STREET		SAWYER ROAD	
		SCHOOL STREET	
		SEWALL STREET	
		STRATFORD ROAD	
		THIRTEENTH STREET	
		UPHAM STREET	
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