

ATTENTION

Smoke Testing of the City of Duncanville Wastewater System

The City of Duncanville has contracted with BURGESS & NIPLE of Austin, Texas to perform a Smoke Test Survey in portions of Duncanville's wastewater system. This survey involves the opening and inspecting of manholes and sewer lines, which are primarily located in backyard easements, but may be located in streets. An important task of the survey will be the **smoke testing** of the sewer lines to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke that you may see coming from vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is **harmless, has little odor and creates no fire hazard. The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps.** If this occurs, you



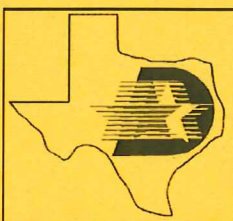
should consult a licensed plumber. In any event, if the harmless smoke can enter through faulty plumbing, the potential exists for dangerous sewer gases to enter your home or business. Should smoke enter your home or business, please contact a member of the smoke testing crew, who can check the sewer lines around your home or business to help determine the source of the smoke.

To prevent smoke from entering your home or business, make sure that all drain traps (also called "U Joints" or "P Traps") in your home are filled with water by pouring water in the drain. A filled drain trap will keep smoke out of your home or business. Make sure air conditioning units run within several hours of the testing to ensure that the condensation drain trap is filled with water.

Work crews from BURGESS & NIPLE will be conducting the sewer inspections over the next few days. Crews may need to access sewer manholes in utility easements on your property. Whenever these lines require investigation, members of the inspection crews will need access to the easements for the sewer lines and manholes. BURGESS & NIPLE personnel are uniformed and carry identification badges. **Homeowners do not need to be home and at no time will field crews have to enter your home or business.**

Photographs will be made of leaks occurring in the system. We anticipate the smoke testing will require a few hours in your area. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The information gained from this testing is being used to improve the quality of your wastewater collection system.

If you need special assistance or would like more information, please contact:



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