

City of Morton Public Notice

Beginning Feb. 6, 2019, the City of Morton Utilities Department will begin conducting smoke testing of the sanitary system. The testing is expected to continue for the next few months. Testing will be split up into block sessions with residents receiving notices at their homes before testing occurs on their block.

A specially manufactured non-toxic smoke manufactured for this purpose, will be used in the tests. The smoke leaves no residuals or stains, and is not harmful to plants or animals. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business. This may happen if the vents connected to your home or building are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed; if traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing; and if pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

Please note that if traces of the smoke or odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter, which can be unpleasant, dangerous, and a health risk. Should this occur, please contact a member of the smoke testing crew working in your area.

The crew member will determine the location, identification, and correction of the source of smoke.

Thank you for your cooperation. The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers.

Please contact Joshua Holmes at 360-496-5287 for more information.