



# SMOKE TESTING OF SANITARY SEWERS



## Notice to Residents

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The Town of Dalton, MA will be conducting smoke testing investigations **during the month of September 2020 in some areas of the Town**. These investigations are part of ongoing sanitary sewer infiltration and inflow reduction work required to be completed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection per the Code of Massachusetts Regulations Title 314, Section 12.04(2). These investigations are being conducted to identify sources of extraneous water that discharges in the sanitary sewers.

The testing involves blowing white smoke into the sanitary sewer lines in the street and observing/recording where the smoke leaks out. The smoke is harmless, odorless, non-staining, and leaves no residue. A Material Safety Data Sheet can be provided upon request. The smoke will not enter your house or building unless there are defects in your sanitary plumbing. If smoke does enter your building, do not be alarmed. Simply open the windows, and then notify the crew in the street that smoke has entered your building. Please be assured that the smoke will disappear quickly. Prior to testing, you can reduce the chances of smoke entering your building by pouring about a gallon of water down each sink, toilet, and drain in your home. This will allow water to fill each trap (bend in the piping under the fixture), which will in turn prevent the smoke from entering the building.

The smoke testing is being coordinated by the Town of Dalton engineering consultants, Tighe & Bond, and will be conducted by EST Associates, Inc. Representatives of these firms will carry photo identification and EST vehicles will be clearly labeled with the company name and phone number. **If smoke testing is to be conducted on your street, field crews will provide a notification flyer approximately one week before the work is to occur.** The Fire and Police Departments are being notified on a daily basis of all smoke testing work locations.

If you suffer from lung or respiratory ailments, please contact EST at (781) 455-0003 and special arrangements will be made.

**If you have any specific questions regarding the smoke testing please contact Jake Weinrich of Tighe & Bond at 413-875-1635.**

Thank you for your cooperation.