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Munster To Smoke Test Sewer Lines In The Wicker Park Neighborhood

PRESS RELEASE
TOWN OF MUNSTER

THE TOWN OF MUNSTER IS CONDUCTING A SMOKE TEST OF ITS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE WICKER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD STARTING MONDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Beginning on Monday, December 6, a "**SMOKE TEST**" survey will assist inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in the town's sewer system in the Wicker Park neighborhood. During the test, a grayish/white mist will be blown through the sewers from a manhole. The smoke is **non-toxic, non-staining, has no odor, and creates no fire hazard**. Smoke appearing from any roof drains, catch basins or house vent stacks is normal. In addition, the smoke may appear from cracks in the pavement above the sewer and from lawns. This appearance of smoke from house vent stacks and the ground is normal and does not indicate a defect in the plumbing.

The smoke **should not** enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps.

It is advisable for the homeowner to pour a gallon of water into each floor drain, shower and sink prior to the testing. If smoke enters your home there is reason to assume that sewer gases may also be entering your home. If this occurs, you should notify the work crews in the area or call (708)514-4613. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return or after business hours, please call the Munster Police non-emergency number at 836-6600.

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