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Wastewater Pipeline Testing in The Woodlands

This notice is posted as a courtesy to The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the San Jacinto River Authority, who are conducting an inspection of wastewater pipelines within The Woodlands Township's borders.

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (June 19, 2014) – During the next few weeks, The Woodlands residents may notice smoke rising from manhole covers, vent stacks on homes and from holes in the ground. This smoke is non-toxic, harmless and creates no fire hazard; it is just being used as part of a routine inspection process that tests the integrity of wastewater collection systems.

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. If you have a seldom-used drain, please pour water in the drain to fill the trap. This should prevent smoke from entering.

As systems age, some begin to deteriorate, crack, separate and experience other defects, which is why these inspections are necessary. Whenever these lines need to be checked, inspection crews will need access to these lines and manholes.

Inspection crews working for The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency and the San Jacinto River Authority will be accessing manholes in order to detect any possible defects in the system, and these crews will be identified with uniforms and badges.

Questions about this smoke testing process should be directed to The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency at 855-426-7283.

For more information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov.