

A Sewer Line Smoke Test Will Be Conducted in Your Area

May 21 or 22 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Weather permitting

You do NOT need to be home during the testing, which will take about 15 minutes.

How the test works:

The test consists of forcing safe, vegetable-oil derived smoke into the sewer lines and observing where it escapes, in order to determine the location of leaks and defects. Odorless and safe, the smoke leaves no residuals or stains and has no adverse effect on people, plants or animals.

If problems are found:

If problems are found on your property, Matanzas Shores Wastewater Treatment management will notify you by either leaving a notice on your door or by mail. Flags will be placed around the problem area for easy identification. For homeowners, the most likely cause of a problem is a missing or broken sewer clean-out cap which was damaged during lawn maintenance. For those homeowners for whom that is the problem, replacing the cap is a simple solution. If the pipe is also broken, or some other problem suspected, you will need a plumber to do the repair.

Why This Test Is Commonly Used

This routine, preventative maintenance test will help identify leaks, defects and stormwater inflows in the sewer system, thereby improving wastewater treatment operations and efficiency. This test was done for Lakeside and Sea Colony homes last year and is being repeated to make sure all corrections were made. For this test it will be expanded to include the Surf Clubs and Las Brisas as well.

What to Expect

While smoke can be expected to billow from manhole covers and vent stacks in roofs, it should not enter homes. To reduce the likelihood of smoke entering a building, it is suggested that you pour water into seldom used sinks and floor drains, where smoke could arise due to lack of water pressure. You can do this at any time prior to the test.

Note: This is a follow-up to a mailing sent out to all MSOA WWTP homeowners.