



TOWN OF STOUGHTON NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Town of Stoughton, the Town's wastewater consultants, Weston & Sampson, will be conducting smoke testing on portions of the sanitary sewer system throughout Town between August 1st and September 1st, 2023, weather permitting. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with some exceptions for after hours. Weston & Sampson may need to access your property to conduct the investigations in sanitary sewer easements operated and maintained by the Town.

These investigations are being conducted as part of Stoughton's 2023 Infiltration and Inflow Investigations Project. The purpose of the investigations is to locate sources of groundwater and surface water entering the sanitary sewer. By removing this extra flow, Stoughton will reduce the amount of wastewater it sends to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) sewer interceptors.

During the test, white smoke will be introduced to the sanitary sewer systems via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located in the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE ALARM.

Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is either a dry trap in an unused fixture or a plumbing defect. You may wish to pour two gallons of water down your basement floor drain or unused plumbing fixture to ensure that the drain trap will be effective.

Should smoke be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, and dissipates quickly through open windows. IF YOU HAVE A LUNG AILMENT or RESPIRATORY CONDITION SUCH AS ASTHMA OR EMPHYSEMA, STAY AWAY FROM THE SMOKE. Any smoke within a building should be immediately reported to the persons conducting the tests.

Weston & Sampson company vehicles are black with the company name on the sides and their personnel will be wearing shirts with the Weston & Sampson markings.

Any questions should be directed to Weston & Sampson at 781-909-4030 or stoughtonsmoke testing@wseinc.com. Leave a message including your name, address, and telephone number and you will be responded to promptly.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience during this work and appreciate your continued cooperation while we strive to improve our sanitary sewer system.

