Horton to conduct smoke testing of sewer system

(KNZA)--The city of Horton will conduct smoke testing of the city's sanitary sewer system.

Weather permitting, the city says the smoke testing will begin on Monday, December 12, between 7th and 8th in the alley, and from 2nd Avenue East to 1st Avenue West. The Kansas Rural Water Association will assist with the testing.

According to a notice issued by the city, the smoke testing will locate defects that allow for the infiltration of storm water or other issues that impact the treatment of wastewater.

During the testing, residents may see a white smoke coming from vent pipes on buildings, from cracks in the ground or other places which have a connection to the sewer system. The city says the smoke is not toxic, is non-staining and has no odors.

Even through the smoke is non-toxic, individuals with respiratory problems should leave the building if smoke enters to prevent any distress.

The city says the smoke should not enter homes or buildings unless there is defective plumbing or if drain traps are dry. It is advisable to pour at least a quart of water down each drain that is not regularly used prior to the smoke test. If smoke does enter your home or business, the city says you should advise the survey crew that will be working in the area or call city Hall at (785) 486-2681.

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