

## **NEWS RELEASE - CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS**

**MARSHALL WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
DISTRIBUTION & COLLECTION DIVISION  
OCTOBER 22, 2014**

**Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**THE CITY OF MARSHALL WATER DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION DIVISION ANNOUNCES "SMOKE TESTING PROGRAM" TO LOCATE WATER INFILTRATION INTO OUR SEWER LINE SYSTEM.**

As part of our annual program to reduce groundwater infiltration into our hundreds of miles of sewer lines throughout town, our Distribution & Collection Division of the Water Utilities Department will begin smoke testing sewer lines on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).



Smoke testing is a very simple process that involves pumping non-toxic smoke into sewer main lines, allowing smoke to seep up through the soil and indicate any cracks or line deterioration which is a source for groundwater to infiltrate our sewer lines and overload the collection and treatment system. The smoke testing program also allows the city to locate

problems in private sewer lines that need to be repaired. Once locations are identified, city crews will repair infiltration sources in our sewer mains and notify customers of any private line repairs they need to make.

We take the time to notify the general public because the smoke can be mistaken as a fire, when smoke vents out through commercial or residential sewer vent pipes on their roof or even in their yard. City crews will also set out door hangers in each neighborhood prior to testing, alerting everyone as to why they may be seeing smoke. Attached is a copy of the door hanger and a smoking testing information sheet.



The smoke test program is set to start next Tuesday and should be completed by the mid November. Our testing schedule will be as follows:

- St. Francis and Turtle Creek neighborhood area
- South Parker Creek - south of Elysian Fields and east of Highway 59
- Decatur Street and neighborhood area

If residents or customers have any questions, they may call Chris Miles at 903-930-3797 or email at [chris.miles@marshalltexas.net](mailto:chris.miles@marshalltexas.net)

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