

Advance Notice

Press releases to the news media (newspapers, radio and TV) will generate much public good will and support for a program that will improve the local sewerage system, and assure compliance with environmental agency regulations. Such releases should outline the place, as well as the problems that will be solved by having the smoke testing done.

Local fire and police departments should be advised daily of the areas being tested, on a street by street basis. Personnel handling telephone inquiries should be acquainted with the purposes of the smoke testing program, and be prepared to advise against unnecessary exposure to the smoke.

Proper advance notices are necessary and the responsibility of the agency or contractor performing the tests. Door to door notification within 24 hours before the tests is recommended. This prevents unethical occupants from covering up illegal drains, sump pumps, etc. before the tests. While giving advance notice, discrete neighbourhood inquiries can identify persons suffering from heart and/or lung diseases, such as emphysema, who should never be exposed to any smoke, including Cherne. Individuals with respiratory problems should be removed from the premises prior to the tests. Others, such as house confined invalids, sleeping shift workers and locked in animals should be identified and evacuated before the test.

The next page contains a form that conveys the necessary information to the residents of the affected area. This form, or one similar to it should be distributed to all of the residents of the affected area.

Advance Notice of Sewer Testing Form

Current Date _____
Date of Test _____

Location of Test _____
City _____
County _____
Province _____

Name of Party Performing Test _____
Contact Phone # of Party Performing Test _____

Resident,

This notice is to inform you that the _____ of _____ OR _____
City/County/Province Name of City/County/Province Contractor's Name

will be testing sewer lines in your area on the above date. The tests will be conducted using smoke. The smoke should not enter the premises unless a leak is present.

The presence of smoke in your home should be reported immediately to the personnel conducting the testing , or by calling _____.
Contact Phone # for City/County/Province or Contractor

Please avoid any unnecessary exposure to the smoke. While relatively harmless, it may cause irritation to nasal passages. Any irritation will be temporary and should quickly disappear after exposure has ceased. Persons with heart and/or respiratory ailments should leave the home during the test. Be sure any house pets are provided proper ventilation or are removed from the home.

To minimize the chance of smoke entering your home, please pour water into all drains, including floor drains, prior to the date of the test.

Signed _____
Contact at City/County/Province or Contractor