

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA & WEST VIENNA:

The Town of Vienna and Maryland Rural Water employees will be conducting **smoke testing** on Wednesday October 28th and Thursday October 29th. This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of where storm and other surface water enter the sewer system.

A special **non-toxic** smoke will be used in these tests. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals, or stains, and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections, and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a health risk to the occupants. **Should smoke enter your home or business, you may contact the smoke testing crew working in your area.**

The crew member will be able to help and check with you as to where the smoke has entered your building. **Location, identification, and correction of the source of smoke that enters your building is urgently advised.** Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to the utility customers.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact:

Please contact the Town Hall @ 410-376-3442