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Testing of the City's Sewer System Takes Place Next Week

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Public Utilities Department will be testing Harrisonburg's sanitary sewer system next week.

On Monday, October 24 starting around 7:30 a.m. crews will begin the testing and anticipate to finish around 3:30 p.m.

Areas of the city where sewer lines will be tested:

South Willow Street

South High Street

Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

West Grace Street

Cristy Lane

Ohio Avenue

Maryland Avenue

Chesapeake Avenue

South Liberty Street

West Bruce Street

Old South High Street

Tips for residents:

- It is recommended to pour one gallon of water into the drain traps of floors, sinks, showers, and tubs. This will prevent sewer gases or smoke from entering a home or business.
- If the non-toxic smoke enters a residence or business, this is a sign of a defect in the plumbing on the residential end. When this occurs, there is no need to contact emergency services. Open a window or door for ventilation, note the location of the smoke, and contact a qualified plumber.
- Anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions should not stay in a building where smoke has entered, as a precautionary measure.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen maintenance on equipment.

Questions? Contact the Public Utilities Department at 540-434-9959.

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