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.

Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.