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Public Notice - Sanitary Sewer System Smoke Testing Program

October 23rd-October 26th

Groveland Community Services District has hired SFE Global to perform smoke testing of the sewer collection system within your neighborhood over the next few days.

By introducing a non-toxic smoke into the sewers, crews can identify areas of leaks or cross-connections where rainwater or other surface drainage may enter the sanitary sewer system. By identifying and eliminating these sources of unnecessary inflow into the system, sanitary sewer overflows can be reduced; having a positive impact to the environment; all while saving significant costs in sewer operations and maintenance.

During the brief test procedure, you may expect to see small volumes of test smoke coming from neighboring roof vents, perimeter drainage, or system manholes. The smoke should not enter your home or place of business. If it does, it is likely coming from a dry sanitary connection. (toilet, sink, floor drain that is rarely used) We ask that if you have any rarely used sanitary connections in your home or business, that you pour three (3) or four (4) cups of water into them to seal off the trap. It is a good idea to do this periodically to make sure sewer gases cannot get inside your home or business.

Please note that the smoke used in the testing is harmless and non-staining. If during the test smoke does enter your home or business, please contact the outside field crews working in your area; they will assist in locating the point of access and can help prevent further incidence of smoke or sewer gases entering the building.

If you have any questions regarding the testing you are welcome to contact the Operations and Maintenance Manager at 209-962-7161 ext. 18. Thank you for your cooperation.