



# SEWER WORK NOTICE



The Bristol Water and Sewer Department contracted with Flow Assessment Services to conduct Sewer System Smoke Testing for the purpose of locating sources of storm water inflow to the sanitary system. The study will locate direct and indirect connections such as catch basins, area drains, roof drains, broken sewer pipe and deteriorated pipe joints. During this test, harmless white smoke is introduced through the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located on the street and plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface.

**THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR ALARM.**

Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is a dry trap in your basement floor drain or any unused plumbing fixtures. You may wish to pour some water down your basement drain or unused plumbing fixture to ensure that the drain trap will be effective. Smoke could also enter the building through defective plumbing. The owner should note this because gases from the sewer system may possibly enter your building through the defective plumbing.

Should smoke be detected within the building, **DO NOT BE ALARMED.** The smoke is **NON-TOXIC AND NON-STAINING.** Simply ventilate the home and report the presence of smoke to the people conducting the test outside in the vicinity of your building. If possible, they will assist you in locating the source that allowed the smoke to enter the building.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- You are not required to be home when the testing is being performed on your street.
- The testing dates may vary due to weather. Please see website [www.bristolctwatersewer.gov](http://www.bristolctwatersewer.gov) for specific details.
- Weather, holidays and weekends may shift test periods beyond the 24 to 72 hour time frame.
- Please contact Flow Assessment Services at 1-888-311-9799 should you have any questions or concerns.

