



Village of Chicago Ridge
Sanitary Sewer Inspection and Smoke Testing

Advanced Notice of Construction

The Village of Chicago Ridge has contracted with Sewer Assessment Services, LLC to undertake an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study to the public sanitary sewer system along various streets of the Village. The boundaries for this Study are shown on the attached map.

The purpose of the Study is to determine the condition of the public sanitary sewer system. To thoroughly assess the system, Sewer Assessment Services, LLC will perform smoke testing of the sanitary sewers and service lines within the study area. Testing shall identify any defects in the sewer mains or services. This work is tentatively scheduled for **September 2023 (weather permitting)**. This inspection will be done during normal working hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the duration of the testing, your private sewer will be fully operational. Before testing commences, a door hanger shall be distributed to affected residents/businesses at least two days before testing shall begin.

During the test, you may see smoke coming from vent stacks, building foundations, storm water inlets and/or openings in the ground. **If you see smoke related to this testing, do not be alarmed. The smoke is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard and should dissipate after several minutes.**

When you receive notice of testing in your area, please ensure that you pour a significant amount of water down each drain in your property to help create a seal. If this is not undertaken, smoke may potentially enter your property through these drains. If smoke enters your property during the test, it could be an indication of defects in your plumbing system. **If you notice smoke within your property, please identify the location of the smoke and contact the Public Works Department immediately.** Residents and/or business owners should open doors and windows to ventilate any smoke that enters the building.

Please notify the Public Works Department before the tests begin if you have any of the following situations or other concerns:

- A person who will be alone in the building and is an invalid or will be sleeping during the test.
- Any individual with respiratory problems who will be in the building.
- Elderly persons who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the smoke test, please contact Jamie Hollock during normal business hours at (708) 425-7700. Concerns after business hours should be directed to the Chicago Ridge Police Department non-emergency number at (708) 425-7831.

We apologize about any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding.

