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SANITARY SEWER SMOKE TESTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the benefit of performing a Smoke Test?
Smoke Testing is used to identify sections of sewers which may exhibit inflow during rainfall. Inflow sources are broken or damaged sewer pipes, faulty house connections to our pipes, illegal connections, and storm water drainage system cross connections.

What happens during Smoke Testing?
Prior to the test, RU will notify fire and police departments where they will be conducting sewer smoke testing.

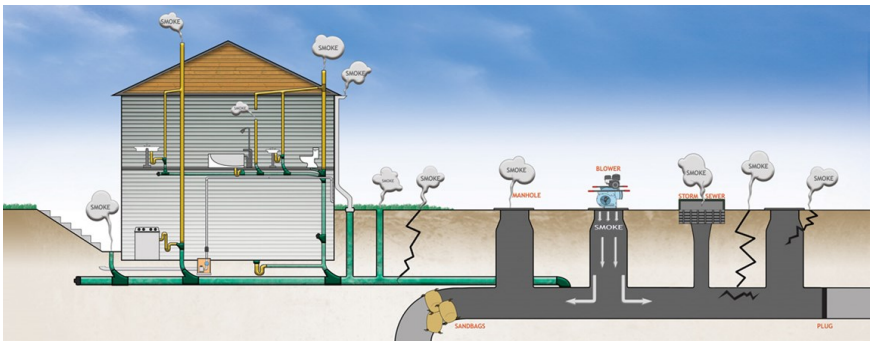
During smoke testing, field crews blow air and smoke into the sanitary sewer system and monitor where smoke escapes the system. Anywhere the smoke exits, there is potential for storm water to enter the sewer system.

How will residents know when Smoke Testing will be performed in their neighborhoods?
Notices will be posted in the testing area prior to any smoke testing. Residents can also contact Riviera Utilities Customer Service office to inquire whether their neighborhood is on the schedule.

How are the smoke test crews recognizable in the field?
All crew personnel are uniformed and drive trucks with Riviera Utilities logos.

Is the smoke hazardous?
NO! The smoke is non-toxic, harmless and has no odor. It does not create a fire hazard.

What if smoke comes out of a resident's yard or driveway?
This could mean that there is a drain on the property which is illegally connected to the sewer system. It could also mean that the resident's house line has been damaged or is not securely connected to the sewer system to prevent infiltration. In cases such as this, RU will contact the resident to inform them of needed repairs on their outside house lines.



Does the resident need to be home when the Smoke Testing is performed?
Homeowners do not need to be home and field crews will <u>not</u> need to enter the residence.