



City of Idaho Falls

SEWER DEPARTMENT

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SPECIAL NOTICE

To better serve you, the City of Idaho Falls will be **smoke testing** its sewer system. This is done periodically to locate sources of sewer odors, leaks and breaks in sewer lines.

The smoke testing will occur on:



The smoke you might see coming from the vent stacks on buildings or holes in the ground is **NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR, CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD** and **WILL NOT HARM CHILDREN, PETS, OR PLANTS**. Persons with respiratory problems should avoid breathing any smoke to avoid irritation. **If there is any individual in your home or business who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us.**

It is normal to see smoke exit the vent stacks on your home or building.

Smoke can enter the building through defects that may exist in your building's plumbing. On the inside of your house, smoke or odor may come out of the plumbing or fixtures. This is an indication that dangerous gases and unpleasant odors from the sewer may enter your house.

This should not happen if your plumbing is in good working order. You can minimize the chances of this happening by running enough water into the sinks, tubs, and showers to fill the sewer trap with water. **Do not forget floor drains.** It is advisable for the home or business owner to pour a gallon of water into each floor drain prior to our testing.

If smoke enters your building there is good reason to assume that **dangerous sewer gases** may also be entering your home or business. You should **evacuate** immediately and notify our work crews.

If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, please call us.

Location, identification and correction of the source of smoke entering your house or building is urgently advised. The correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

If you detect smoke in your building and are uncertain about the cause, contact us.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT at: **612-8108**