



ROSS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

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NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING SEWER LINES

The Ross Valley Sanitary District is conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system.

Work crews will be working at the following location:

1000 block of Bolinas Ave, Fairfax, starting the week of November 21, 2011.

A “SMOKE TEST” survey is a common tool used in sewer collection systems; it will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. While our work crews are conducting the Smoke Test survey you may notice or observe smoke coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground. The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is **NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.**

Some sewer lines and manholes are located on the backyard easement property line. Whenever these lines require investigation, members of the inspection crews will need access to the easement for the sewer lines and manholes.

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps.

It is advisable for the home owner to pour a gallon of water into each drain prior to our testing. If smoke enters your home or business, **sewer gases** may also be entering your home or business. If you observe smoke entering your home through the drains, you should immediately contact Ross Valley Sanitary District at the number below or notify our work crews in the area. Sewer gases have the potential to be hazardous in certain circumstances. Therefore, if you observe smoke entering your home or business through the drains you should use caution, and **evacuate** the home or business. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, please call us at **415-259-2949**.

IMPORTANT! If there is any individual in your home or business who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us at 415-259-2949

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