

Important Notice from Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District

Sewer Test / Smoke Test Scheduled Oct. 23, 2017 – Nov. 11, 2017

Why is Smoke Testing done?

Leaks in a sewer system create two problems. First, sewage and gases may leak out of and escape the system, contaminating the surrounding land area and possibly creating health hazards. Secondly, storm and ground water may leak into the system diminishing the capacity of the already stressed system to collect, convey, and treat sewage. Therefore, Smoke Testing is done to find leaks in both the District's sewer main and the District customer's private lateral lines and plumbing systems. Any smoke leakage is an indication that leaks exist.

What is Smoke Testing?

Information about smoke testing materials can be found on the District website at www.loapud.com. If you do not have access to a computer, handouts are available in the District office. Smoke Testing involves the injection of environmentally safe smoke into the sewer system. The smoke will not normally enter dwellings except in cases where structures have faulty sewer systems. In this case, harmless smoke may enter the structure.

When is it done?

Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District will begin testing October 23, 2017. This process takes several weeks to complete, as each street in a predetermined area of the District will be tested. The exact date we will be in your area is not known. Testing will be done on weekdays, during normal working hours; weekends and holidays will be exempt.

What should you do?

It is advised that, if you have a rarely used sink or floor drain, you pour 1 gallon of water in each drain each week, starting the week of October 20, 2017. Continue this process each week through November, or until we have tested in your neighborhood.

When testing begins, if smoke enters your home, there is good reason to assume that **dangerous sewer gases** may also be entering your home or business. You should evacuate the building immediately. All instances of smoke leakage into structures should be reported to personnel performing the test, or phoned in to the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District office at 530-533-2000.

If your property is found to have a defect, it will be marked with a white colored stake. Do not remove this marker from your property. You will be notified, by letter, identifying the problem and given 30-days to correct the defect.

Reminder: if you are a landowner and have received this notice, it is your responsibility to notify your tenant(s) of the upcoming testing.

All of us at LOAPUD appreciate your assistance and patience with this process. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us at 530-533-2000. Thank you!

IMPORTANT!
If there are any individuals in your home or business who have respiratory problems or other health concerns, please contact our office prior to October 23, 2017.

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