

DYE TESTING

WHAT IS DYE TESTING AND WHY IS IT CONDUCTED?

Dye Testing is a non-invasive method used to:

- Locate points of rain or groundwater infiltration entering sanitary sewers and manholes
- Confirm connectivity between sewer manholes
- During this process, a non-staining water soluble dye tablet or liquid is inserted into any internal or external plumbing access point such as a toilet or clean out. After introducing the bright fluorescent dyed water, the downstream sanitary sewer manhole is checked for traces of the substance. Dye testing is a non-toxic way of determining where a pipe or structure drains to if it is not obvious by observation or on existing plans or records. Utility connections can also be identified through this process. Noting the locations during Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) makes repairing the leaks simplified.

IS THE DYE SAFE? IS IT PERMANENT?

The dye is non-toxic and cleans up with water. It is possible that you may see remnants from the dye for a period of time but it is highly unlikely that a citizen would come in contact with the dye.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN AND IF DYE TESTING IS BEING CONDUCTED IN MY AREA?

The residents of the affected testing area will receive notices one week prior to testing. Contact numbers will be provided if you should have any questions or concerns. While every effort is made to minimize the impact on the community, we ask that you bear with us as we make the necessary upgrades to your sewer system.

WHAT IF I AM NOT HOME WHEN DYE TESTING IS PERFORMED?

Unless access is needed to plumbing inside your home, you may not need to be home during testing. If access is needed, the testing crew will contact you personally prior to the scheduled testing.



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