



## CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SMOKE TESTING OF SEWER LINES TO BE DONE IN CITY

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (3/5/14)** – The Temple Terrace Public Works Department will conduct “smoke testing” of sewer lines in various parts of the city in March and April. The purpose of this testing is to locate possible cracks and leaks in the city’s sewer system.

Residents may notice smoke arising from manholes or holes in the ground, but this smoke creates no fire hazard and is not harmful. The smoke will be white to gray in color. It is non-toxic, non-staining and has no odor.

These tests will begin March 17, 2014 and continue through early April. Most of the testing will be done south of Bullard Parkway, but other areas may be affected. Work crews will provide advance notice, placing door hangers at residences and businesses in areas where testing will be done.

It is advised that homeowners/business owners pour a gallon of water into floor drains (as applicable) prior to testing. The work crews will use a machine to send smoke through the sewer lines, looking for leaks in the system. The smoke should not enter your home or facility unless you have defective plumbing or dried-up drain traps.

### **IF YOU OBSERVE SMOKE INSIDE:**

- \* If you observe smoke inside your home or business, this is an indication that sewer gases may also be entering your residence or facility. **Contact Public Works at (813) 506-6570.**
- \* If you are not at home and observe smoke when you return, please call Public Works and a work crew will be sent to your home. The after-hours phone number is (813) 506-6590.
- \* If there is an individual at your home who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify us at (813) 506-6570 prior to testing.

**For all inquiries, or to report smoke at your premises, call (813) 506-6570.**