



City of Wylie
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PRESS RELEASE

Sewer System Smoke Testing, Inspection to Begin Soon

Wylie, Texas, July 13, 2018 – Inspection crews will soon conduct a physical survey of Wylie’s wastewater collection system, which will include the use of smoke testing and the opening of manholes in the street and backyard utility easements. Information from this study will be used to repair and improve the wastewater collection system.

These tests, which will be conducted on a per-neighborhood basis throughout the city, could begin as early as Friday, July 20. Residents will be notified by door hangers and yard signage when testing is about to begin in their area. Door hangers could be distributed as early as the week of July 16, and testing could take up to 12 weeks, depending on weather and other factors.

Smoke testing is used to locate breaks and defects in the sanitary sewer lines. The smoke is non-toxic, leaves no residue, and creates no fire hazard. It is harmless to humans, pets, food, and material goods. It is best, however, to avoid unnecessary exposure to the smoke, because any smoke can irritate the nasal passages. Any irritation should be temporary and quickly disappear after exposure has ceased.

During this testing, white smoke will exit through roof vent pipes, outdoor sewer cleanouts, manholes, and possibly through interior drains if p-traps are dry or defective plumbing exists. To minimize the likelihood of smoke entering the home, residents may pour a gallon of water down seldom-used drains.

At no time will field crews have to enter homes or businesses. If a sanitary sewer line or manhole is located in easements within backyards, members of the inspection crews will need access to the backyard.

For more information or for special assistance, residents are asked to call the City of Wylie at 972-442-7588.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.