

NOTICE OF TESTING FOG AND DYE

Town of Newmarket

Over the past few weeks, the Regional Municipality of York and its Consultant (CIVICA), in partnership with the Town of Newmarket, have been in your neighbourhood (see map) working on a project to help residents fix roof downpouts, sump pumps, foundation drains or other sources that are directly connected to the sanitary sewer.

Visual surveys inside and/or outside your home were completed and possible direct connections to the sanitary sewer were identified from sources such as downspouts, sump pumps, foundation drains or other. The next stage of the evaluation is to complete fog and dye tests to confirm these connections.

When will the fog and dye test be carried out?

Commencing this week, CIVICA will be performing fog and dye testing on your street (weather permitting).

Do you need to be home?

You **DO NOT** need to be home during the external testing. However, you **DO** need to be home during the internal testing. For internal testing, CIVICA will schedule a visit that is most convenient for you.

What you should do to prepare:

Prior to the fog test:

- Please open all water taps for 1-2 minutes or pour 1-2 litres of water (a pitcher of water) into all drains (don't forget your basement floor drains)
- Please read the Frequently Asked Questions section of the information booklet provided

During the fog and dye test:

- Fog shouldn't enter your home unless there is defective plumbing or drain traps are dry
- If fog enters the home, please open windows, turn on exhaust fans and note the location of the fog. It will dissipate in a few minutes
- Please be assured the fog is non-toxic, odourless, non-staining and creates no fire hazard
- If one of the possible connections being dye-tested is connected to the storm sewer, you may see bright fluorescent coloured dye flowing into a nearby creek
- Please be assured this dye is non-toxic, biodegradable and poses no harmful effects to humans, wildlife or the environment



IMPORTANT! If there is any individual in your home who has respiratory problems or is not mobile, please notify us prior to the testing.

Comments and information regarding this project may be included in project documentation and become part of public record. Personal information will not be shared.

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Thank you for your participation.

