



PUBLIC NOTICE

To Residents and Occupants of Cedar Key, Florida:

The Cedar Key Water and Sewer District will be conducting a smoke test of our sanitary sewer system. This testing will begin Monday, March 17, 2025. This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke test will also reveal where storm and surface water enter the sewer system.

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains, and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business if:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed, or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

If the plumbing system of your residence/business is adequate and all drain traps are full of water, smoke should not be seen indoors. Smoke observed indoors during the testing would indicate a plumbing deficiency. Should smoke enter your home or business, you may contact us at 352-543-5285 so we can record the location. Location, identification, and correction of the source of smoke that enters your building is advised. Your cooperation is appreciated. The information gained from this testing will be used to improve our sewer service.

Should you have any questions, contact John Rittenhouse, at 352-543-5285.