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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
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SENT US MAIL

Re: Broadwood Service Area - Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing - Summer 2024.

Dear Resident,

During heavy rainfall events, the County has experienced excessive flows within our sanitary sewer collection systems. As a result of these excessive flows, the Geauga County Department of Water Resources (GCDWR) will conduct smoke testing of our sanitary sewer system in your residential area as part of our countywide “inflow & infiltration” (I&I) program.

Oftentimes, damaged sanitary sewer lines or improper sewer lateral connections can permit rain runoff to enter the County’s sewer system. Rain runoff that enters the sanitary sewer system overburdens the sewer lines and detrimentally impacts pumping stations and wastewater treatment plants. Smoke testing will help identify possible I&I in your neighborhood sewer collection system. Should GCDWR identify any issues or concerns, we will notify you.

A significant period of dry weather is required to perform sanitary sewer smoke testing. Smoke testing in the Broadwood neighborhood will occur sometime during the month of July. GCDWR will post signs at the main road entrance 48 hours before smoke testing is to occur.

You can visit our website at [gcdwr.org](http://gcdwr.org) for information, intended dates and frequently asked questions.

If you require additional information, please contact Ronnie Walker 440-279-1976 or email at [rwalker@geauga.oh.gov](mailto:rwalker@geauga.oh.gov)

Respectfully,

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