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Notice of Smoke Testing

Starting Monday September 29, 2025 through October 1, 2025, Kent County Department of Public Works and Duke's Root Control (Duke's) will be smoke testing the sewer lines in the Highland Acres area. Please see maps attached for specific areas. Non-toxic smoke, like that used on movie sets, is being used to locate breaks and defects in the County sewer system. Staff from the County and Dukes will be walking around the area on the test days to look for signs of smoke. This method of testing requires representatives from Duke's Root Control, Inc. to access manholes located within the Right-of-Way and/or utility easements, including those on private property. Entry to your house is not required. Homeowners do not need to be home.

Thursday, September 25, 2025: S. Dupont Hwy., S. Erin Ave., Ryan Ct., Abec Ln., Memorial Ave., Sanford St., Midstate Rd., Rawding Dr., and E High St.

Friday, September 26, 2025: Turley Point Rd., Elijah Ln., E. North St., E Railroad Ave., E Sewell St., Church St., E High St., Jefferson St., and East St.

In advance of the test, Duke's will be leaving door hangar notices at homes. There is a small chance that the non-toxic smoke may enter your house. To prepare for the test, you may pour 1 gallon of water into basement floor drains and unused sinks. If smoke enters your house during the test, the Public Works Department recommends that a licensed plumber be called to examine the internal plumbing of the structure.

An informative video showing smoke testing may be found at link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XepjMRgiXYM>. For more information, please call Kent County Public Works at 302.744.2430 or Duke's at 888.620.0010.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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