

City of Barrie Sanitary Sewer Works Notice

Fog Testing



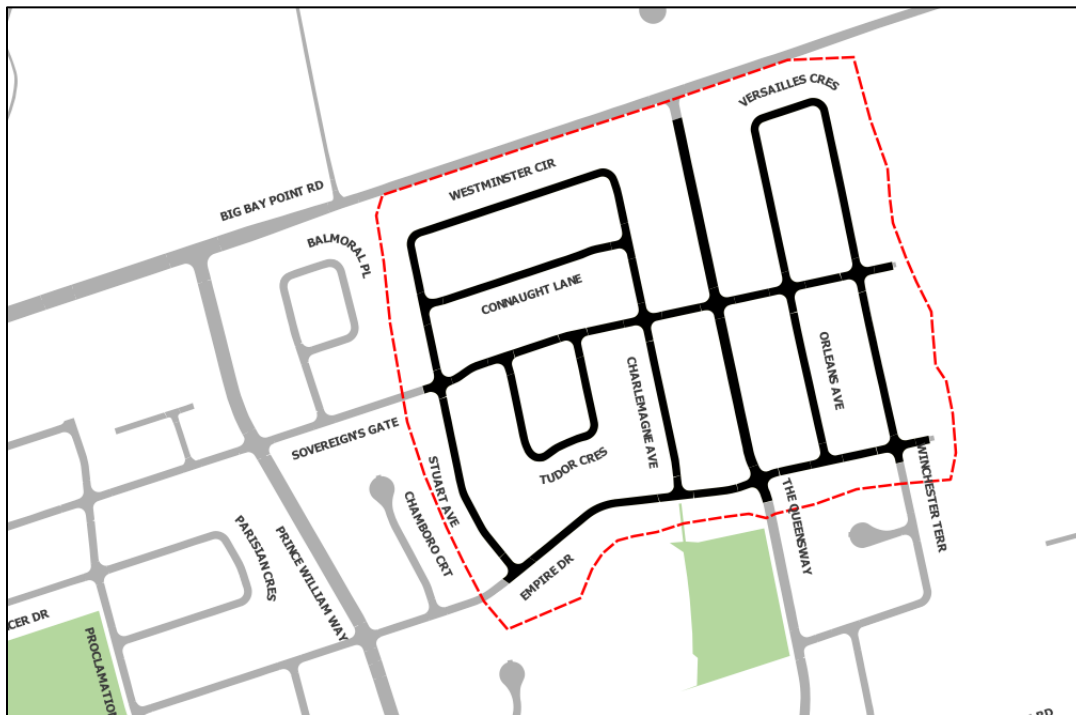
WHO/WHEN:

The City of Barrie has retained a consultant to complete fog testing on the sanitary sewers in your area. Fog testing will be taking place in your area between **September 8th to September 11th, 2026**. The work will be completed between the hours of 10:00AM and 5:00PM. Should the weather be unfavourable, the week of **September 14th to September 18th** will act as a backup for rescheduling.

WHAT/WHERE:

Fog testing consists of blowing a safe fog into the sewers and then checking the streets above to document locations where the fog comes out (e.g., from catch basins). The fog used in the test has no odour, is not harmful to your health, and will disappear within a few minutes. The area to be tested is shown on the map in **red** and includes the following streets:

- Westminster Cir
- Connaught Lane
- Versailles Cres
- The Queensway
- Sovereign's Gate
- Tudor Cres
- Empire Dr
- Stuart Ave
- Charlemagne Ave
- Orleans Ave
- Winchester Terr



WHAT TO EXPECT:

You don't need to take any action during fog testing. However, here are a few optional steps you can take for added comfort and peace of mind:

- **Pour a few cups of water down your basement floor drains and any infrequently used sinks, showers, or other plumbing fixtures before fog testing begins.**

- In the unlikely event that fog enters your home and you experience any issues, please open a window for ventilation and leave the affected area until the fog dissipates. There will be signage on your street indicating that fog testing is underway, and staff members from the City and our consultant will be on site to assist if needed.
- If you, or any member of your family have a health condition that you feel we need to be aware of, please contact the City representative listed below.

The Fire Department and Barrie Police have been notified of the streets being tested. If you have doubt about the origin of fog and/or suspect a fire, always contact the fire department by dialing 911. Otherwise, please contact the City project manager listed below and they can advise whether the fog is related to the testing before any fire services are dispatched.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the fog harmful?

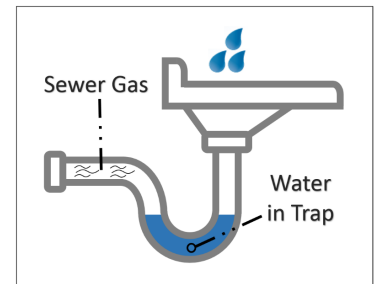
No; the fog used for fog testing is the same as what is commonly used on stage in theatrical productions to simulate a smoke effect. The fog is not harmful to your health and will not harm pets, clothing, draperies, or furniture.

2. Do I need to stay home for the duration of the test?

No, you do not need to be home when testing is being performed.

3. What does it mean if fog enters my house?

Fog entering your home through a drain may indicate deficiencies in your plumbing which could also allow sewer gas to enter your home. This commonly occurs when a drain is not frequently used, and the water in its plumbing trap dries up (see diagram to the right).



If fog does enter your home through a drain, please note the location of the fog, pour some water down that drain to fill its plumbing trap and open windows for ventilation, and then contact the City so that on-site representatives will be notified to visit your address.

4. Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about the project by:

- Visiting barrie.ca/InfrastructureProjects
- Searching **Urban Area Inflow & Infiltration Study** on the site
- Scanning the QR code to the right



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