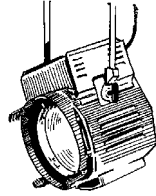


Coming Soon To a Sewer Near You



Where there's smoke, there's not necessarily a fire - it may be a crack in a sewer pipe.

Hillsborough County Water Resource Services is developing a new program to begin smoke testing sewer pipes. Smoke testing is a common method used by utilities to look for places where breaks and cracks may be allowing rainwater into the sanitary sewer system, and to find improper connections.

The department will kick off the program in the original Carrollwood area, where wastewater pump stations are running longer than they should after a heavy rainstorm. Excessive amounts of stormwater can overburden wastewater treatment plants, which end up processing clear water.

The type of smoke used for this testing is not real "smoke," but rather, a highly visible mist. It is specially made for this purpose and is non-toxic. It will not harm people, pets or plants, and will not stain or leave a residue.

Detailed information will be distributed door-to-door in advance of the smoke testing, including tips on how to prepare homes for the work.

Worried About When to Water?



For the latest news on Watering Restrictions, call 275-7094 or visit our website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/water.

NEWS BRIEFS...

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Available

Temperatures are starting to rise, which means it won't be long before energy costs are doing the same. Hillsborough County can help with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program is designed to assist low-income households, those at 150% of the federal poverty guideline or below, in meeting their immediate home energy bills.



Priority will be given to households including residents who are 60 years of age or older, the disabled/handicapped, homebound, and parents/guardians with children.

To apply, contact your nearest Neighborhood Service Center by visiting www.hillsboroughcounty.org/hss/services/.

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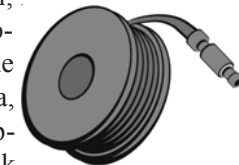
Reclaimed water may be treated wastewater, but it's not water that should go to waste.

Reclaimed water has been treated to meet stringent regulatory standards for re-use in irrigating lawns and landscaping. It is popular among property owners because it is usually exempt from lawn watering restrictions and it costs less to use for irrigation than potable water. But, it is still a precious resource that is limited in supply.



The reclaimed water system is designed on calculations that customers should be using an average of no more than 1 inch of water per week on their lawns. But figures kept by Water Resource Services show that dozens of communities are using anywhere from twice to seven times that amount. During our dry spell,

this overuse can create problems with low pressure in some places, and in at least one area, intermittent service interruptions because the storage tank sometimes couldn't be filled as fast as customers were using the water.



Keep in mind that overwatering a lawn can lead to problems like plant disease and fungus. So if you're a reclaimed water customer, remember - just as with potable water - use only what you need.

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