



SEWER PIPE SMOKE TESTING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As part of the [Thornton Creek Basin Sewer Study and Upgrade Project](#), King County Wastewater Treatment Division is conducting smoke testing in your neighborhood this summer to locate problem areas within the local sewer system that connects to the County's Thornton Creek sewer pipe. This work will be conducted by a contractor, Interactive Pipe Inspection, LLC.

Smoke testing details

- **When:** July and August 2022. The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.
- **Duration:** Each geographic location will take up to two days.
- **Typical work hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

If your home is connected to a sewer line that will be tested, you will receive a notification letter in the mail. We will leave a notice on your property one to three working days before testing occurs in your area. Field crews will also post signs on nearby streets to indicate when smoke testing is in progress.

Smoke testing is a safe method to find problems in sewer lines and stormwater connections. This efficient and cost-effective test will help us minimize environmental and property damages that occur when the sewer system is overfilled with stormwater.

Tips to prepare for smoke testing

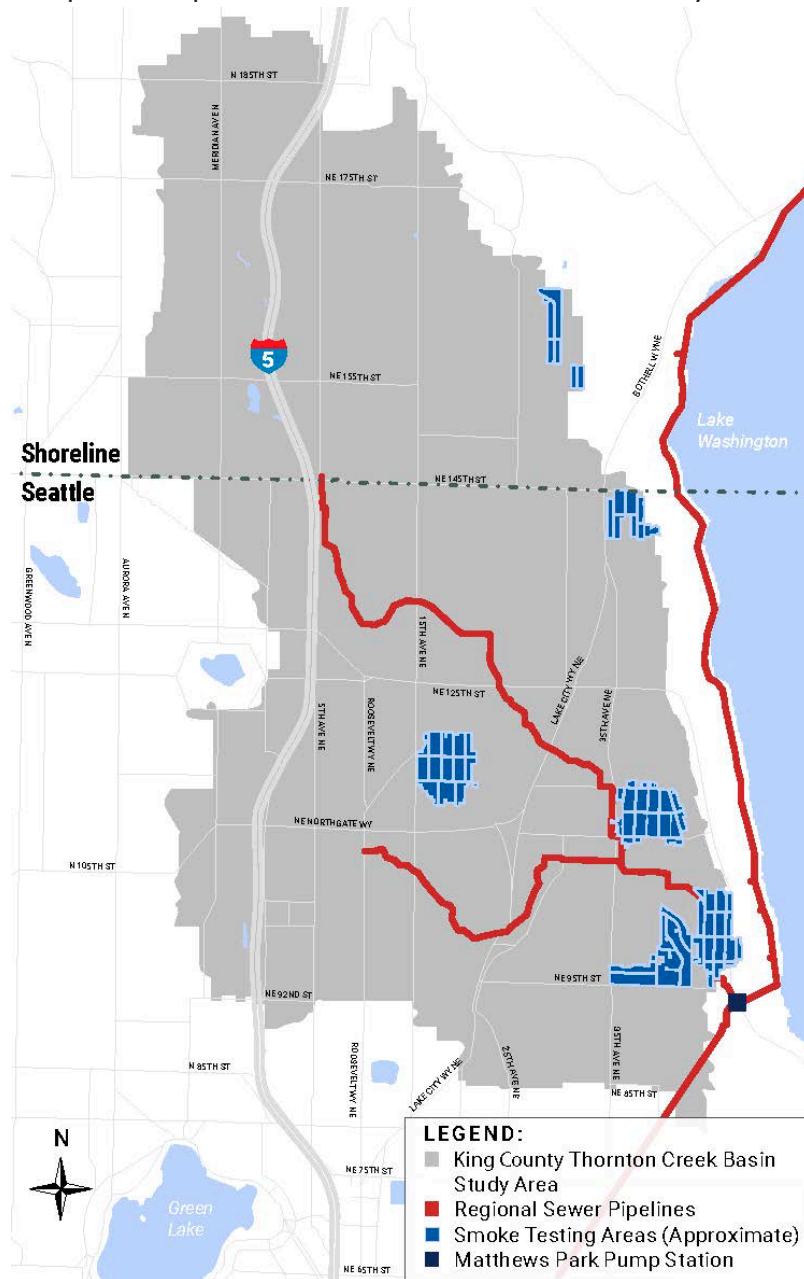
- You don't need to be home. Field crews will not enter your property.
- Smoke is unlikely to enter your home. **If you see smoke in your home during testing, call 800-859-5060 to let the field crews know so they can make a note of it.**
- Smoke is not harmful for humans or animals.
- Before testing occurs, run water through any drains, toilets, sinks or showers that aren't used regularly. The drain trap holds water, which creates a type of seal and blocks sewer gases from rising through the drain and into your home.

The photo on the right is an example of smoke testing in progress.



Project updates

The project team is also working to complete about 50 side sewer inspections. This information will add to the data the team is collecting, which builds our understanding of the conditions of and potential problem areas within the local sewer system.



We appreciate your collaboration as we work together towards a clean water future.

Visit our [project website](#) for more information about the sewer study and smoke testing.

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