

Report Sanitary Sewer Overflows



Protect Our Health and the Environment

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- Stay away from the overflow area (typically a manhole). This is especially important for children and pets who may play near the overflow area, which can be a street, public park, or local streams, creeks, and river.
- Stay away from and do not touch the overflow. If you come in contact with the sewage overflow, immediately wash your hands thoroughly in warm, soapy water before handling food or touching other people or surfaces.

- **Report the location of the overflow immediately to the Department of Public Works at the following numbers:**

From your residence or cell phone: **311** any time day or night
Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM: (225) 389-3090
Monday – Friday after 5:00PM: (225) 389-2070
Saturday and Sunday: (225) 389-2070
Holidays: (225) 389-2070

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