

Protecting Community Sewer Systems from Pool Construction Waste

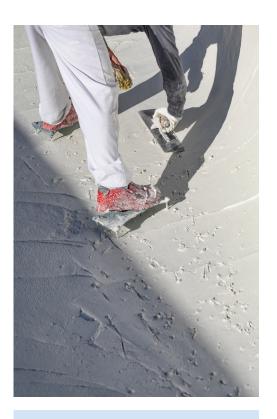
Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has experienced an increase of prohibited discharges into the sanitary sewer over the past few years, including a recent incident which caused Sanitary Sewer Overflow, or sewer spill. Sewer spills are a serious threat to a community's health and safety.

We are asking for your help in protecting our community's sewer systems because the material found in the recent incident appeared to be construction waste related to pool construction or refurbishment.

Any discharge of construction waste to the sanitary sewer system is prohibited by both federal and state laws, as well as county and city ordinances. If, at any time, the source of an illegal discharge can be attributed to a specific property and/or construction company, cleanup costs as well as penalties may be imposed along with possible legal action.

EMWD's goal is to prevent any future occurrences of this type, so we are asking that you remind your contractors of these regulations and share this information to help prevent prohibited discharges from entering the sanitary sewer.





Sanitary Sewer Overflow

- A serious threat to a community's health and safety
- Construction waste discharged to the sanitary sewer system is prohibited
- Cleanup costs and penalties may be imposed
- Stay informed to help prevent prohibited discharges

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Help Maintain A Healthy Sewer

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Disposing of hazardous materials such as chemicals, cleaning paint, cement, stucco, and pool grout down a drain will not only impact sewer pipes but also EMWD's ability to provide safe and reliable wastewater service. Please clean tools properly and take all construction and household hazardous waste to a collection facility or collection event.

You may contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources — Household Hazardous Waste at (800) 304-2226 or at www.rcwaste.org/hhw for more information.





If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact EMWD's Source Control division at (951) 928-3777, extension 6216.