



**Metropolitan St. Louis
Sewer District**

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Dear MSD Customer:

Throughout the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's (MSD) service area, there are hundreds of points where a combination of stormwater and wastewater may discharge into local waterways from the sewer system during moderate to heavy storms. These sewer overflow points act as relief valves when too much stormwater enters the sewer system, without them, our community could experience thousands of basement backups and/or extensive street flooding. Depending on where sewer overflows are located within MSD's system, they are classified as constructed separate sewer overflows – or – combined sewer overflows. If an overflow discharges, or not, is dependent upon a number of factors, including how much rain falls over a given period of time. The result is that not all overflows discharge every time it rains. In fact, some overflows will go months or years without discharging.

Per a Consent Decree between MSD, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Missouri Coalition for the Environment Foundation (MCE), MSD must post notification signs at constructed separate sewer overflow points. A copy of the sign for these overflows is enclosed. (Pursuant to regulatory requirements, signs for combined sewer overflows are also posted.)

The signs and this mailing are being done to notify the public of the existence and location of constructed separate sewer overflows. It is requested that owners of multiple residential dwellings or multiple commercial properties provide this information to their tenants by either posting this notice in the common area or sending a copy directly to tenants.

The issue of overflows has been a significant focus of MSD's work for many years. For example, from 1992 to 2012 MSD spent approximately \$2.7 billion to eliminate over 380 overflows. Today, our work to address sewer overflows and improve water quality continues through the Consent Decree. This work, also known as MSD Project Clear, calls for \$4.7 billion in spending over 23-years. MSD Project Clear began in 2012 and addresses our community's wastewater collection and treatment capabilities on a system wide basis. This program is a mammoth undertaking that will benefit St. Louisans – and our environment – for generations to come.

For more information on sewer overflows and their locations please visit

www.stlmsd.com/seweroverflows or call (314) 768-6260

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)

WARNING

DO NOT PLAY, SWIM, OR FISH



**Possible Sewage Overflow
Exposure to Water May Cause Illness**

**PLEASE REPORT FOUL ODORS, UNUSUAL DISCOLORATION,
OR
FLOW FROM OUTFALL DURING DRY WEATHER.**



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