

The Stege Sanitary District greatly appreciates the cooperation which residents and contractors have extended in helping the District protect the health and safety of the District and all its customers.



Who Do I Call to Avoid an SSO?

Help us help you...

If you require our FREE assistance to help clear root balls, grease blockages and other debris from a main sewer line to prevent a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), please contact us at:

(510) 524-4667



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WHAT IS A SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW (SSO)?

An SSO is an unintentional discharge of raw sewage from a sanitary sewer system onto public streets, sidewalks or even into homes and potentially into creeks, rivers, lakes or streams.

WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF SSOs?

SSOs may result in property damage, environmental damage and/or potential liability to you or your company. Allowing sewage to discharge to a gutter, storm drain or waterway may subject you to penalties and/or out-of-pocket costs to reimburse cities or public agencies for clean-up efforts and regulatory penalties.



HOW CAN YOU PREVENT SSOs AND AVOID ASSOCIATED PENALTIES & FINES?

WHEN CLEARING PLUGGED SEWER LATERALS:

- Whenever possible, remove root balls, grease blockages and any other debris; don't push debris from the lateral to the sewer main.
- If you can't prevent a root ball or other debris from entering the sewer main when working in our service area, **call us at (510) 524-4667**, so we can work with you (free of charge) to remove the root ball from the sewer main to prevent blockages further downstream.
- Use plenty of water to flush lines.

WHEN CONSTRUCTING SEWER LATERALS:

- Check your work area. Gravel, backfill material and test plugs can become lodged in the sewer line and cause blockages. Make sure no debris is left in the sewer line before you backfill.
- Avoid offset joints – offset joints make sewer lines vulnerable to root intrusion & grease accumulation, cause debris hang-ups and make lines harder to clean. Properly bed your joints and don't hammer tap.
- Use caution when opening manholes. Hazardous sewer gases from manholes are odorless, undetectable and can be deadly.
- In El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond Annex, a Stege Sanitary District sewer permit and payment of fees are required prior to any work on sewer lines. Obtain one at our office at 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530, next to the entrance of the El Cerrito Recycling Center.

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