



Important Notice Regarding Sewer Main Break in Virginia Young Park

SAFETY AROUND WASTEWATER (SEWAGE)

Due to the recent sewer main break in Virginia Young Park, located at 1000 S.E. 9th Avenue, neighbors are advised to treat all standing water as wastewater. Wastewater may be contaminated with bacteria, viruses, and/or parasites. Potential health hazards could arise from contact with wastewater.

The City of Fort Lauderdale recommends that neighbors take the following precautions regarding wastewater:

- **Be sure to keep all children and pets away from any area affected by the wastewater spill.**
 - Do not let your pets drink any wastewater.
- **Basic hygiene is critical.**
 - Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact with wastewater, especially before preparing or eating food.
 - If you come in contact with any wastewater, leave your shoes outside the home (to reduce the risk of indoor contamination), shower as soon as possible after contact, and put on clean clothes.
 - Keep fingernails short and clean of dirt and foreign materials.
 - Keep soiled hands and fingers away from the nose, mouth, eyes, and ears.
 - Keep a container or spray bottle outside residential entryways with a 90/10 solution (90% water to 10% household bleach) to clean shoes and other items that may have come into contact with wastewater.
 - If pets come in contact with wastewater, make sure to clean them too.
- **Avoid eating or drinking anything that has been contaminated with wastewater.**
- **Do not wade/walk through wastewater.**
- **Avoid contact with wastewater, especially if you have open cuts or sores.**
 - If you have open cuts or sores and you come into contact with wastewater, wash the area well with soap to prevent infection. If redness, swelling, or drainage develops, seek immediate medical attention.
 - For health concerns, please contact your healthcare provider.

As a result of the wastewater spill, high bacteria levels are expected in the waterway. Keep out of the water. Avoid swimming, fishing, or other recreational activities in the waterway.

The City of Fort Lauderdale sincerely apologizes for this inconvenience and thanks our neighbors for their continued patience as we work to repair the sewer main break and remediate the affected area in and around Virginia Young Park.

For more information, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov or call the 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000. The City is sharing updates on our website; on Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter; and via E-news eblasts. Sign up for eblasts at www.fortlauderdale.gov/enews.