



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RIO VISTA NEIGHBORS REGARDING SEWER MAIN BREAK

ONGOING CLEANUP

The City of Fort Lauderdale is actively engaged in cleanup efforts in the affected area of the Rio Vista neighborhood. We are working with Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI), a company that specializes in environmental cleanup. CBI has been on site since December 11, and will continue to clean and sanitize the affected area until restoration is complete. They are disinfecting and washing the streets, sidewalks, swale areas, and driveways of impacted properties. They have boats patrolling the canal system in and around Rio Vista during daylight hours, from about 8 a.m. until dark. They will continue monitoring waterways as part of our cleanup efforts. The current plan is to address the affected homeowner properties first and then remediate Hector Park, which will be used as a staging area for CBI's remediation activities. CBI will remain in the area until we are satisfied that restoration of the site is complete. The City will continue to manage the remediation. Neighbors do not need to take any action related to these efforts.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

As cleanup efforts continue, neighbors are reminded to avoid contact with outdoor areas that may have been impacted by the overflow and not yet disinfected. Neighbors can also take precautions to prevent illness:

- 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 in contact with the sewage;
- Shower as soon as possible after contact;
- Wash hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact, as well as before eating or drinking;
- Keep fingernails short and clean of dirt and foreign materials; and
- Keep soiled hands and fingers away from the nose, mouth, eyes and ears.

EXPENSES OR DAMAGES

If you are a neighbor who has incurred expenses or suffered damage related to the sewage overflow, you may make a claim by contacting Doris Coleman in the City's Risk Management Division at 954-828-5177 or dcoleman@fortlauderdale.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cobb in Risk Management at 954-828-5190 or via email at mcobb@fortlauderdale.gov.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and thank our neighbors for their continued patience as we work to replace the sewer main in Rio Vista and remediate the affected area. If you would like more information, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-8000.