



# CITY OF SANTEE

## Preventing & Responding to Sewage Spills

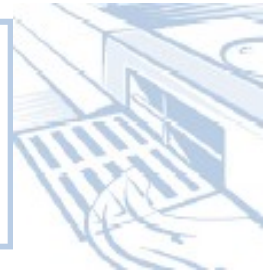


### ATTENTION:

Sewage is hazardous to both human, and environmental health. Sewage contains high levels of bacteria and other pollutants such as solids and nutrients. Any sewage discharge, blocked or backed up sewer lines that reach the storm water conveyance system is a violation of federal, state and local laws. These laws apply to individuals, businesses and public agencies.

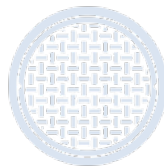
### SANTEE, STORM WATER, AND SEWAGE

Many people in Santee mistakenly believe that storm drains are connected to Padre Dam's sanitary sewer system and that any wastewater dumped or spilled into an alley, street, or storm drain is treated in a sewage treatment plant. However, Santee has two separate systems: one for sewage (from sinks, tubs, toilets,) and one for storm water. So all materials spilled, dumped, or washed into the street or storm drain ends up in the San Diego River, without treatment.



#### WHAT DO I DO IF A SPILL OCCURS?

- ⇒ **STOP** the source of the sewage immediately
- ⇒ **CONTAIN** the spill as best as possible
- ⇒ **ISOLATE** the area and **PROHIBIT** public contact
- ⇒ **REPORT** spill to proper authorities
- ⇒ Sewage and all residue must be **REMOVED** and the area properly **DISINFECTED** by a licensed and qualified contractor



#### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT SPILLS?

- The property owner is responsible to ensure that sewer lines located on private property are inspected and maintained on a regular basis.
- ⇒ Routinely maintain your sewer lines
  - ⇒ Dispose of cooking grease properly both in businesses and homes
  - ⇒ Flush nothing down the toilet but human waste, appropriate liquids, and toilet paper

#### WHO DO I NOTIFY IF A SPILL OCCURS?

All spills must be reported immediately to both Padre Dam Municipal Water district **619-448-3111** and the City of Santee **619-258-4100, x167**, or after hours pager **619-926-1298**.