



SAFETY ALERT

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RESPONSE TO SEWER SYSTEM BACK-UPS

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There have been two recent incidents in which a blocked municipal sewer line caused a discharge of raw sewage into school classrooms and offices. Schools should immediately report sewer back-ups and other plumbing problems to Local District Maintenance and Operations.

Any rooms potentially contaminated by sewage should be closed until properly cleaned and cleared for reoccupancy. Maintenance and Operations, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS), will determine the appropriate clean-up and decontamination measures.

If the sewer blockage occurs within a *“school wastewater line”*, Maintenance and Operations will initiate appropriate corrective actions. If a sewer line back-up potentially involves blockage in a *“municipal sewer line”*, it should be reported to one of the following City Sanitation offices:

South Los Angeles and San Pedro	(323) 292-0329
Hollywood	(213) 485-4910
Northeast and Downtown areas	(213) 485-5391
West Los Angeles	(310) 478-7253
West San Fernando Valley	(818) 345-2107
East San Fernando Valley	(818) 756-9895
For service after 4:00pm, call Night Division	(213) 485-7575
For locations outside LA City limits, call L.A. County Sanitation Districts	(562) 437-6520

Inquiries may be directed to Local District Maintenance and Operations or OEHS at (213) 241-3199.

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