

# Sanitary sewer overflow advisory

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## Sanitary Sewer Spill

On Saturday, December 31, 2022, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) experienced several sanitary sewer overflows beginning around 9:30am.

Sanitary sewer overflows are caused when rain enters the sanitary sewer system and overwhelms the storage and treatment capacity of EBMUD's treatment plants. Ideally, sanitary sewer systems treat human waste from toilets, showers, and sinks, with little impact from rainfall.

Around 9:30am, the first overflow began from an overflow structure into San Leandro Creek in Oakland; the second began around 10:30am from an overflow structure in Alameda and into the Oakland estuary near the Barnhill Marina; the third began around 11:00am from an overflow structure into the Oakland estuary at the foot of Alice Street in Oakland. EBMUD began collecting water quality samples and posting advisory signs at these locations to warn the public to avoid water contact.

Additionally, sanitary sewer overflows were reported from manholes at three locations: near 1056 Eastshore Highway in Albany; at Page Street and 2nd Street in Berkeley; and at Broadway and Clement Avenue in Alameda.

If you have questions regarding this event, please call (510) 287-1651 during business hours – Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM, or (866) 403-2683 after normal business hours.

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