

# **Reporting Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)**

## What are SSOs?

A Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) is a release of untreated sewage into the environment. SSOs usually occur when flow through a damaged, broken, clogged, or malfunctioning sanitary sewer pipe backs up into a manhole or lift station.



#### What Causes SSOs?

Pouring kitchen oils and grease down the drain and flushing single-use disposable wipes are two of the biggest causes.



### Why are SSOs bad?

Overflows of untreated sewage into the environment can lead to:

- Odors.
- Potential exposure to bacteria and viruses that might cause illness.
- Contamination of bayous.
- Contamination of ground surfaces that can be washed into bayous with the next rain.

#### Please Report SSOs!

If you see, smell, or suspect a SSO, please report the location as soon as possible using one of these methods:

- 1. Use the "Contact Us" form on the District website: <u>http://fortbendmud50.com/contact-us/</u>
- 2. Contact Municipal District Services customer line at 281-290-6500
- Contact the District's Engineer and Stormwater Representative at 281-921-8784 or by email at <u>mbloom@rgmiller.com</u>

For more information on the Fort Bend County MUD 50 Stormwater Management Program or to report other stormwater quality concerns, please visit <u>http://fortbendmud50.com/</u> and click on Stormwater Issues and Actions!