

Rowlett

News Release

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ROWLETT, TEXAS— Heavy rains across Rowlett and Garland led to a sanitary sewer overflow from a manhole approximately 1000 feet west of Dexham Road and approximately 3600 feet north of Miller Road. The overflow started around 1:40 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and is reported to have stopped around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Public Works crews estimated approximately 54,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into the nearby Rowlett Creek, which flows into Lake Ray Hubbard. Crews have removed the minimal debris deposited immediately around the manhole and will monitor the creek and surrounding areas to verify no adverse effects to water or aquatic life. Crews will continue to monitor the area for overflows as rains continue in the region. Stormwater drainage entering the sewer system is helping to dilute the impacts.

Rowlett Public Works has notified the City of Dallas, which owns and maintains Lake Ray Hubbard, regarding the sanitary sewer overflow spill. Despite the overflow, the public drinking water is not affected and continues to be safe for consumption.

For any questions regarding this overflow, please contact:

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Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within 1/2-mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.

Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.

The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

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