



# TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Sanitary Sewer Overflow Notification

Pursuant to CMR 314 16.04, the Town of Upton Wastewater Division reports that the Sanitary Sewer Overflow that started at 8:25 a.m. on January 10, 2024, is ongoing. Due to the snow received on Sunday, January 7, and the rain received overnight on January 9 and 10, partially treated sewage is being discharged to an unnamed tributary of the West River.

The town is not discharging raw sewage. It is discharging sewage that has passed through several of the sewage treatment steps. The partially treated sewage that is being discharged is sewage that has bypassed the treatment plant's sand filters, which is the last step in the town's sewage treatment process. Also, not all the sewage treated at the plant is bypassing the sand filters.

The Wastewater Division estimates that 100,000 gallons of partially treated sewage have been discharged so far. The partially treated sewage flows from the discharge pipe located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 43 Maple Avenue into an unnamed tributary to the West River and into the West River.

Avoid contact with these water bodies for 48 hours after the discharge or overflow ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants.

More information on discharges and overflows can be found on the town's website on the Department of Public works page (<https://www.uptonma.gov/272/Sanitary-Sewer-Overflow-Notification>).

Please contact Ed Dela Motte, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, at [edelamotte@uptonma.gov](mailto:edelamotte@uptonma.gov) or 508-529-3993 if you have any questions.

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