

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE LOOMIS DIVERSION SEWER PROJECT

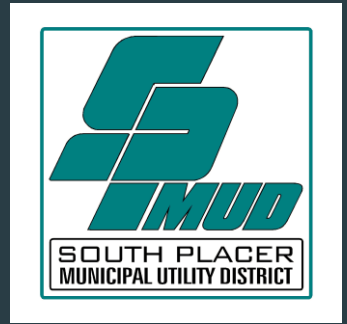
Construction of the new SPMUD sewer pipeline within the Town of Loomis is complete. This project is a major milestone and helps the District achieve its mission to protect public health and the water environment, provide efficient and effective sanitary sewer service, and prepare for the future.

In November 2018, SPMUD’s contractor finished the installation of the pipeline. Brace Road east of the Interstate-80 overpass has now reopened to traffic. Before the end of 2018, flow will be diverted to relieve an existing 10-inch sewer pipeline that was constructed when SPMUD was founded in 1956.

Approximately 1.4 miles of new 15-inch and 18-inch pipe was installed, from the southern end of Dias Lane to the sewer line located north of the Raley’s Supermarket on Horseshoe Bar Road. The project included two trenchless (i.e., jack and bore) crossings; under Horseshoe Bar Road and Interstate-80.

The project was paid for by SPMUD and is funded by new connections and will not affect monthly sewer rates.

SPMUD appreciates the cooperation, understanding, and patience of the Town of Loomis and its residents.



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LURKING BENEATH YOUR HOME, A MONSTER AWAITS

No, not the type of monster that infamously lives on the silver screen and haunts your children. This monster actually exists, and it has a name, Fatberg. It feeds off the fats, oils and grease that you wash down your sinks and drains. Growing bigger with each feeding, waiting for its chance to attack and it will attack.

Unsuspecting to you, you’ll start the dishwasher just like you have always done at the same time each morning before leaving for work. Next thing you know, sewage is spilling out of your shower drains and toilets, causing a filthy mess to clean up. This is when you know, that Fatberg has struck.

If there’s a few things Fatberg likes, it would be fats, oil and grease and any type of food particle. Every time you put those things down your drain, Fatberg gets bigger and bigger until it has swelled up to the point that water can no longer pass by. The water then seeks the path of least resistance which results in a sewage spill inside your home.

To fight Fatberg, to keep the monster at bay, dispose of any food into the trash and dry wipe your dishes before washing them in your sink. If you don’t feed the monster, you can rest assured that your home and sewer drains are safe.”



Visit the Live Sewer Smart website for tips on proper ways to reduce impacts to the sewer system. LiveSewerSmart.com



NO WIPES IN THE PIPES

THE PROBLEM: Wipes, rags, paper towels, and materials are being flushed into the sewer system, causing serious problems for SPMUD's equipment and maintenance crews.

THE SOLUTION: Flush only toilet paper and human waste—nothing else! If you use wipes, trash 'em, don't flush 'em!

Disposable Wipes and Paper Products: Disposable disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, and even so-called "flushable" wipes cause serious problems for the sewer system, as they do not break down easily (or at all) once they are flushed. Paper products other than toilet paper (e.g., paper towels) also do not break down once in the sewer line. No matter what the label says, don't flush them, trash them instead.

Increased Maintenance and Costs: When items like these are flushed, our sewer pipes and pump stations require increased monitoring, maintenance, and repair. This results in higher operational costs, which are paid for by your sewer rates.

A Potent Combination: When wipes and other materials interact with food, grease or invasive roots in the sewer, they bind together, causing blockages and creating the potential for overflows. Sewer backups can be both messy and costly to clean up.

A Threat to Your Pipes (and Pocketbook, too): If wipes and other materials can clog our large sewer pipes, they can definitely clog your home's much smaller pipes, requiring you to pay a plumber to clear the blockage.

BURPING TOILETS?



To ensure reliable sewer service, the District clean the sewer system on a continuous basis. On rare occasions, the cleaning process can cause your toilet to Burp! Yes, it's true!

Typical industry cleaning equipment uses high-pressure water to clean sewer pipes. A jet nozzle and hose are inserted into a manhole in the street, water pressure is then used to propel the nozzle and hose up the sewer main to the next manhole. Then the jet nozzle is slowly pulled back to clean the inside of the pipe and collect the debris at the downstream manhole. During this process, air within the main pipe is displaced and sometimes goes up the private lateral pipe.

Typically, this air would release through the plumbing vents on the roof, but occasionally, the air is released through the toilet. sometimes causing the toilet water to splash. Keeping the toilet seat down will help prevent the splash from leaving the toilet. For more information please visit www.spmud.ca.gov or contact Sam Rose at (916) 786-8555.

SEWER PROBLEMS?

If you are experiencing a sewer problem, such as plumbing backing up, slow drains, sewer overflowing either inside your home or from the sewer clean out

PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY 916-786-8555



SPMUD crews will determine whether the problem is the District's to resolve or whether you should call a plumber. SPMUD has staff on-call 24/7 to address these sewer related issues.



**CALL US FIRST!
(916)786-8555**

**• AFTER HOURS •
LISTEN TO PROMPTS**

FREE FOG PICK-UP PROGRAM

Pour all used cooking oil and grease into a non-breakable container with a lid, such as a coffee can, label it as SPMUD/FOG and place it on your front door step. Then **CALL SPMUD** (916) 786-8212 for pick up! See the District website for more information, www.spmud.ca.gov