

NEWS RELEASE

Heavy Rains Exceed Stormwater Capacity

Signs Posted; Health, Environmental Officials to Be Notified of Overflow

FREDERICK, MD – July 8, 2019: Heavy rains have contributed to the flows and now have exceeded the Frederick Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity, causing overflow of wastewater, starting at about 8 a.m.

The overflow is occurring in front of the Wastewater Treatment Plant into Carroll Creek, immediately upstream of the Monocacy River. The State of Maryland Department of the Environment and Health Department will be notified today.

Signs have been posted cautioning the public to avoid the area where the overflow is occurring. The drinking water supply is not affected by this incident, and the City's water supply is safe for all uses.

Excess storm water can get into the sanitary sewer system, from such sources as deteriorated City manholes and pipes and from improperly installed systems on private property. The city is always investing in repairs to reduce the impact of infiltration.



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