



Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District
 1 East Road
 Sausalito, CA 94965

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Dear Neighbor:

Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District provides wastewater conveyance and treatment service to the City of Sausalito and wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment service to Marin City and other unincorporated areas within the District's boundaries. The District and the City continue to work in tandem to reduce environmental and Bay pollution. Raw sewage spills present health risks. Properly maintained pipes and infrastructure safely transport sewage – essential to maintaining a healthy, safe community and Bay.

Ratepayer funding has addressed essential sewer upgrades and repairs, enabling the District and City to remain in compliance with a 2008 Environmental Protection Agency Order, avoiding tens of thousands of dollars in fines. Working with you, our agencies continue to improve compliance with clean water requirements.

Properly maintained infrastructure helps prevent inflow of storm water into the sewer system. Unpredictable weather patterns and microclimates – including excessive rain – may cause weakened pipes to break.

The District and City are currently undertaking routine sewer rate adjustments to allow our agencies to continue essential repairs and upgrades to our local sewer system.

We look forward to keeping you informed about these important health and safety issues. Thank you for doing your part to keep our Bay clean!

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 General Manager
 Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District

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 City Manager
 City of Sausalito



PLEASE HELP KEEP THE BAY CLEAN

■ Dispose of Household Toxics Properly

Hazardous materials harm the environment, including asbestos, antifreeze, florescent bulbs, gasoline, herbicides, some household cleaners, pesticides, paint, solvents and spray cans. Please dispose of them properly.

■ Your Toilet is Not for Trash

The only items that should be flushed down the toilet are feces, urine and toilet paper. Flushing other items can cause sewer spills and overflows or clog sewer treatment equipment.

■ Keep Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Out of Your Drains

Grease builds up in pipelines, causing clogging and the threat of overflows from your laterals and other parts of the pipeline collection system.

■ Maintain Your Sewer Lateral

Laterals are the sewer pipelines that run from your home or business to the main pipeline in the street. The sewer lateral is the responsibility of the property owner. Old, cracked or leaking laterals can fill with water during storms and cause sewer spills, backups and stress on treatment plant systems.

THANK YOU!

Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District & City of Sausalito

Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility • 565 Jacoby Street • San Rafael, CA 94901 • **(415) 485-6806**

Residential Drop-off hours: Tue - Sat, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm • Closed Sunday and Monday

For more information visit: <http://marinhhw.com>

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 COMMUNITY
 HEALTHY**

**AND OUR BAY
 CLEAN**

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MAINTAINING OUR LOCAL SEWER SYSTEM



What is the issue?

With the continued effects of climate change and ocean pollution, we all have a responsibility to keep the Bay clean by preventing hazardous raw sewage spills. Responsibly maintaining our local sewer system protects the community, our waterways, beaches and the Bay.

Why is this important?

Raw sewage spills present health risks to our community and the Bay. Properly maintained pipes and infrastructure safely transport sewage – essential to maintaining a healthy, safe community and Bay. Funding from District and City ratepayers is used to upgrade and repair the local sewer system, significantly reducing raw sewage spills over the past decade.

What services does the District provide?

SMCSD is responsible for **transporting, treating, collecting and containing** raw sewage in Marin City and other unincorporated areas within the District’s boundaries. **Within the City of Sausalito, SMCSD only provides transport and treatment services.** The District prides itself on being fiscally responsible. Recent pump station and wastewater treatment plant upgrades are integral to our goal of protecting public health, the environment, and the Bay.



Update for City of Sausalito Ratepayers

Within the City of Sausalito, SMCSD and City share the responsibility to address sewer infrastructure needs that protect the environment and the health and safety of residents as climate and weather patterns continue to become more unpredictable.

Within City limits, the City **collects and contains** raw sewage while SMCSD **transports and treats** it.

What is the purpose of the City updating its rates?

Sausalito’s 80-year-old sewer system is old and must be properly maintained. Many of our 20 miles of sewer pipe were built in the 1930s and are made of clay, which if broken, could cause spills of raw sewage or allow infiltration into the Bay. Every five years or so, the District and the City adjust their rates to properly plan and pay for necessary operating, maintenance, and capital replacement costs for the sewer system.

Can the City maintain its system without adjusting rates?

No. Without continuing to update current rates, the City does not have the money needed to continue essential sewer upgrades. The funds would come at the expense of other essential City services.

UPDATE FOR CITY OF SAUSALITO RATEPAYERS



You can be sure that funds will continue to be spent as promised.

Whether paid to the District or City, all ratepayer funds are legally required to be spent on the sewer system, and not for other purposes. Funds are subject to public, annual independent audits.

This money cannot be taken away by the state or federal government.

These funds are legally required to stay within our local sewer District and can only be spent on our sewer systems. Sacramento and D.C. cannot take these funds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.smcsd.net or
CALL: (415) 332-0244, M – F, 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.
www.sausalito.gov/departments/public-works/sewer-division or
CALL: 1-800-676-7516, M – F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
City of Sausalito:
June 18th, 7 pm at 420 Litho St., Sausalito

Sausalito-Marine City Sanitary District:
July 8th, 6 pm at 420 Litho St., Sausalito