



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## CITIZENS URGED TO USE CAUTION

ROCKPORT, TX – The nonstop rain has not only caused flooding, it has also resulted in overflow from several manholes in the City. The liquid contains very diluted wastewater and the situation has been reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The City strongly suggests that residents refrain from recreational activities in flooded areas and stormwater flow. Children, especially, should stay away from stormwater not only because of potential contaminants but also because stormwater moves fast and can sweep a person off their feet.

Because there are not enough barricades available to mark high water and flood areas, residents are asked to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary. With the high tides, there will be increased flooding on the streets. Individuals ignoring the situation or driving around/moving barricades have put an undue burden on safety personnel. Additionally, driving the streets has caused severe wakes and flooding of homes and businesses.

The National Weather Service predicts an additional 2-4 inches of rain from this afternoon through Friday compounded by high tides, and Flash Flood alerts are in effect.

The City of Rockport urges everyone to heed the weather advisories and to turn around, don't drown.