



COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

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Information on Sewer Overflow

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Pursuant to the rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-05, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division now requires all publicly owned wastewater treatment works that discharge to the waters of the State to provide information on sewer overflows to local media contacts as part of ongoing, comprehensive public education and awareness efforts.

A wastewater overflow occurred on: August 15, 2026
Location of overflow: 1675 MILFORD CHURCH RD MARIETTA, GA 30008
This overflow resulted from: RAGS
Resulting in a wastewater discharge into: OLLEY CREEK
The volume of the overflow was estimated at: 25,000 Gallons
The Water System was notified at: Aug 15, 2026, 12:00 PM
The overflow was stopped at: Aug 15, 2026, 5:00 PM

Corrective action taken to reduce effects of the overflow include the following:

CCWS staff will continue monitoring the affected area and evaluating the extent of the overflow and its impacts. Required spill monitoring procedures will remain in place.

Field Observation:

While conducting routine stream monitoring of Olley Creek on Monday, August 17, 2026, Cobb County Water System (CCWS) staff observed dead fish. Staff collected bacteria samples and investigated the area immediately upstream but did not find an indication of an active sewer overflow.

Sample results available on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, indicated elevated levels of fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria. In response to these results, CCWS staff continued an upstream investigation that day to identify a potential source. During the investigation, staff observed dead fish and other visual indicators consistent with a sanitary sewer overflow.

The investigation identified a construction site where a temporary pumping system had experienced a failure, resulting in a sewage overflow. CCWS staff have initiated EPD required spill monitoring procedures and are continuing to evaluate the incident and its impacts to the surrounding area.

For more information on this notification, contact our System Maintenance Division Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 770-528-8731.

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