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Emergency repair and roadway closure required due to floodgate failure —

Frankfort Avenue closed between Interstate 71 and East Washington Street

LOUISVILLE, KY – One of Louisville MSD's underground floodgates has failed. In order to make the repairs, MSD will take the gate out of service and close a portion of Frankfort Avenue between Interstate 71 and East Washington Street. MSD will maintain local access for area residents and businesses.

During the repair, the roadway is subject to flooding with water depths of five feet or more. This floodgate is located at a combined sewer overflow point, which means the closed section of roadway will flood with a mixture of stormwater and wastewater.

Even though Louisville is not in flood stage, MSD must make an immediate repair of this infrastructure. The gate helps control wastewater and stormwater flow, which allows the underground repair of the sewer line on West Main Street in downtown Louisville.

Work on this gate will begin as soon as possible and will continue until complete. There is no estimate of completion at this time. There is no interruption of service to our customers.

The water flooding Frankfort Avenue and overflowing into the Ohio River is combined sewer overflow. Please take caution in the area and do not enter the water as it could contain harmful bacteria, which could make you sick. Wash with warm, soapy water if you come into contact with the water.

MSD will clean the area after repairs are made.

MSD's Customer Relations will answer your call 24/7/365.



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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 630 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.