

August 2, 2018

Prichard reports Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Prichard Water Works & Sewer responded to numerous Sanitary Sewer Overflows on August 1. The overflows were caused by heavy rains and localized flooding.

The overflows have now ceased. The nearest manhole location, estimated amount and receiving water is listed below:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Gallons</u>	<u>Receiving Water</u>
823 College Street	12,000	Gum Tree Branch
211 Patricia Street	6,000	Gum Tree Branch
1206 North Craft Highway	4,500	Gum Tree Branch
2408 Whistler Street	900	Gum Tree Branch

Dr. Bernard H. Eichold II, Health Officer for the Mobile County Health Department, advises area residents to take precautions when encountering any standing water that may have accumulated because of this overflow. Those who have come into direct contact with untreated sewage are advised to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly.

Area residents should take precautions when using Gum Tree Branch for recreational purposes because of the overflow. All seafood harvested in this general area should be thoroughly cooked before eating. People should wash hands after cleaning seafood and before preparing food.