

RESOLUTION No. 15-11

ROLL CALL

VOTING	YES	NO
STEVE LEIFSON <i>Mayor (votes only in case of tie)</i>		
ROD DART <i>Council member</i>	X	
RICHARD M. DAVIS <i>Council member</i>	X	
BRANDON GORDON <i>Council member</i>	ABSENT	
MIKE MENDENHALL <i>Council member</i>	X	
KEIR A. SCUBES <i>Council member</i>	ABSENT	

I MOVE this resolution be adopted: Council member Mendenhall
 I SECOND the foregoing motion: Council member Davis

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A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE SEWER BACKUP NO-FAULT ASSISTANCE POLICY

WHEREAS Spanish Fork City owns and operates a Wastewater Utility, Water (drinking water and pressurized irrigation) Utility and a Storm Water Utility; and,

WHEREAS Spanish Fork City currently has a No-Fault Assistance Program adopted by the City Council in October 2011; and

WHEREAS all conditions stated in the 2011 resolution still exists; and

WHEREAS four years of experience with the current policy have brought forth new ideas to improve the policy; and

WHEREAS the City Council has the authority to adjust its policies as needed,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Spanish Fork City Council as follows: that on July 7, 2015, the Spanish Fork City Council amends a No-Fault Assistance Policies.

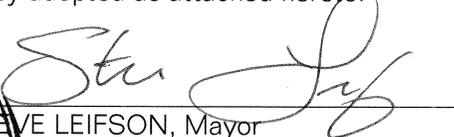
1. A Sewer Backup No-Fault Assistance Policy is hereby adopted as attached hereto.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2015.

Attest:


 KENT R. CLARK, City Recorder




 STEVE LEIFSON, Mayor



Public Works Department Sewer Backup No-Fault Assistance

Spanish Fork City and its employees will help to alleviate some of the problems created by this unfortunate backup. City employees are working hard to clear any clogs that have occurred in the main line. These clogs result for many different reasons, including paper towels, grease, food waste, feminine products or other insoluble objects that may have been flushed or otherwise put into the sewer system.

The City follows a sewer maintenance program. However, the City is not legally liable for sewer backups when sewer mains are clogged by foreign objects that do not belong in the sewer system because those objects can be put into the sewer system at any time by anyone.

The City recognizes that you are also likely not responsible for causing the backup. Therefore the City may voluntarily provide **limited assistance** through its no-fault assistance program. The goal of this assistance is to help minimize the damage and offset the expenses to clean your home or business and make it habitable again. No-fault assistance is not provided to replace personal or business property that may have been damaged by the backup.

No fault assistance will be offered up to a maximum of \$7,500. Clean-up assistance will be limited to \$4,000 and repair/restoration assistance will be limited to \$3,500. Remember, this assistance will not necessarily cover all expenses for clean-up and repair. Damaged parties should not expect that the maximum amount available will necessarily be given in their situation.

An employee from the Wastewater Division may take photographs and measurements. A City representative will inform you if no fault assistance is authorized and the amount of the assistance the City is able to provide.

Checks may be given in two installments, depending on your needs. In order for a check to be given, the City may require you to sign a Release and Covenant Not to Sue. This release form will be created and provided by the City.

Insurance

This assistance is not insurance and is not meant to replace your insurance. To receive any no fault assistance from the City, you must first determine if you have insurance coverage for this type of incident. If you have insurance coverage, assistance from the City may only be given after the limits of your own insurance have been exhausted and

only if there are expenses for clean-up or repair that were not otherwise covered by insurance.

Clean-up

An important next step for you to consider is the clean-up of your home. You are responsible to remove water, disinfect and dry the affected areas as soon as possible to keep the damage from increasing. If you want to hire a water damage clean-up company, you may do so. You will make that decision because you will hire them and pay whatever associated costs there may be. You may find a cleaning company by recommendation from an insurance agent, a friend or some other source.

Please be aware that water damage clean-up or restoration companies might recommend doing more work than may be necessary. Remember this is your home and you are responsible to direct what work is done. Be sure you are comfortable with the scope of the proposed work and the prices they will charge before you authorize any work to begin in your home. If you feel uncomfortable with what is being quoted, you may want to seek additional estimates. You will pay the bill. You can use any money the City gives you to offset these costs, but the City will not participate any further in the clean-up process. The City will not review invoices for clean-up, reconstruction, or personal or business property.

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Utah County Health Department Sewage Backup Information Sheet

What is Sewage?

Sewage is all waste water that normally drains into collection lines, which can range from the kitchen sink to washing machines to toilets. Characteristically, sewage will contain food particles, soaps, cleaners and other chemicals, soil particles, microbes, and feces. Sewage also contains many solids termed as rag, which are varied, but often consist of paper, cloth and latex. Associated with this waste and microbes are many gases including: methane, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and other sulfur compounds characteristically noted as rotten egg gas.

Personal Precautions

While in a home, the gases formed would rarely produce a concentration dangerous to health. Keep in mind that these gases should be vented using doors, windows and vent fans as necessary. If the depth of water on the floors warrants it, use rubber boots – regardless of the depth, one should always wear some type of protective foot wear. In cleaning, the use of rubber gloves is recommended and one should always wash hands BEFORE touching the face, eating, and using the restroom. Hand washing with any soap involving a THOROUGH lathering and rinse in warm water should suffice.

While a person should always be up to date on routine immunizations such as tetanus and diphtheria, other immunizations for Hepatitis A, typhoid etc., are currently not specially recommended for exposure to raw sewage.

Use of Area

Families should not live in areas affected by sewage. Special precautions should be taken with the very young and old as well as with any immuno-compromised individuals. If you cannot isolate the affected area by closing doors and ventilation, the home should not be lived in until basic cleaning and disinfecting can take place.

Clean Up

Any soiled textile such as carpets, clothing and upholstery require varied cleaning techniques as varied as the textiles themselves. Some common practices are outlined below, but it is recommended that a specialist in flood recovery or another such licensed business be consulted. While carpets and upholstery, under some conditions, can be sufficiently cleaned and disinfected, the padding needs to be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

For clothing and linens affected, washing them in very hot water, approximately 180° F, will disinfect. Alternately, following normal washing, a one minute rinse in cool water containing bleach will disinfect.

Recommended household bleach and water mixes:

1-2 teaspoons per gallon

¼ cup for 10 gallons

½ cup for a full 20 gallon wash load

Cleaning of smooth surfaces such as floors, walls, shelves and other such items should follow three steps: (1) cleaning with soap and water, followed by (2) rinsing with clean water followed by (3) disinfection with the water and bleach concentrations listed above. Allow the disinfected area to air dry. Cleaning with soap and water will keep your bleach water clear but if it becomes soiled, replenish it with a new solution. Please note that there are commercial disinfectants that may not be as harsh as bleach. Read labels and carefully follow directions, making sure not to mix your chemicals. Thorough drying will help the disinfection process and reduce the growth of mold, mildews and bacteria in coming days.

Special precaution should be taken with porous material such as unfinished wood paneling and dry wall. You may wish to consult a professional cleaning company and an insurance adjuster for guidelines in this area.

For further assistance or information, please contact the Utah County Health Department, Bureau of Environmental Health at 851-7525. This material was taken from a Utah County Health Department publication.