

Sewer Overflow Advisory Key (SOAK)



System in dry weather operation;
Use rivers, streams and creeks with care

	Contact	Activity	Recommendation
GREEN	Primary	Jet Skiing Wakeboarding Water Skiing Swimming Wading	Suitable
	Secondary	Canoeing Sculling / Rowing Power Boating Kayaking Fishing	Suitable

During wet weather, conditions change on area rivers, streams and creeks, making them less suitable for many recreational activities. In addition to the hazards of fast-moving water and debris washed from land, sewers can overflow where they connect to the ALCOSAN collection system. These overflows can be a source of bacteria that may be harmful if swallowed or exposed to an open wound.



Wet weather overflows have ceased;
Rivers, streams and creeks may still be impaired

	Contact	Activity	Recommendation
YELLOW	Primary	Jet Skiing Wakeboarding Water Skiing Swimming Wading	Minimize Contact
	Secondary	Canoeing Sculling / Rowing Power Boating Kayaking Fishing	Suitable

This Sewer Overflow Advisory Key (SOAK) alerts the public when overflows in the ALCOSAN collection system are impacting area waterways during the recreational boating season, May 15 to September 30. For current SOAK information during this period, please visit the ALCOSAN web site at www.alcosan.org.



Wet weather overflows are in effect;
Minimize contact with rivers, streams and creeks

	Contact	Activity	Recommendation
RED*	Primary	Jet Skiing Wakeboarding Water Skiing Swimming Wading	Minimize Contact
	Secondary	Canoeing Sculling / Rowing Power Boating Kayaking Fishing	Minimize Contact

****Due to the possibility of high flows, floating debris, and poor visibility during storms, extreme caution should be used during this period.**

