

OVERFLOWING SEWERAGES AND TOILETS NOT SERVICED IN MANGAUNG METRO:

DA councillors in Mangaung received daily complains about overflowing of sewerage and councillors reported the overflowing of these sewerage in different wards to the Mangaung Metro Municipality without success. Some of these sewer problems are more than a month old. The Municipality who has the authority to maintain the sewer lines did not maintain any of the sewer lines for the last few years. This performance creates a huge sewer problem over the city.

The residents of Mangaung cannot tolerate this problem any longer. In some of the township wards, councillors reported broken sewer pumps during 2022 and the Municipality said that they cannot replace the sewer pumps because the Municipality does not have money to replace the pumps.

According to different legislation it is an infringement that the Municipality allow these overflowing of sewers. After reported these problems, the Municipality remain silent. This can lead to a health risk for thousands of residents in different wards.

According to the sewer complaints and the right of every resident to live in an environment with no health risk the DA of Mangaung hereby submit a complaint to the office of the Human Rights Commission in the Free State to intervene with this problem.

Different powers are dedicated to the Human Rights Commission and it can instruct the Municipality to give urgently attentions to the overflowing of sewerages in the different wards and to prevent a health risk in the city. Some of these sewerages are close to hospitals, schools, old age homes, restaurants and other public places.

The Municipality indicated that they only have limited equipment to open these overflowing of sewerages. Residents are unhappy because they must pay monthly on their account for this service but did not receive this service. The Municipality also budget for this service but it is clear that the Municipality not maintain and manage this service on the budget according the relevant legislation and the bye-laws.

For the purpose of the above the DA attached a list of critical overflowing sewerages and toilets not serviced in Mangaung. The DA request that the office of the Human Right Commission on behalf of close to a million residents can instruct the Mangaung Metro Municipality to give urgent attention to all the overflowing sewerages in Mangaung.

THE OVERFLOWING SEWERAGES AS FOLLOW:

1. **Langenhovenpark:**

Number 8 and 10 Frans Venter Street.

Number 10A W.E.G. Louw Street.

Number 33B Du Plessis Avenue.

2. **Lourierpark:**

Number 49, 65 and 67 Corkwood Crecent.

Number 31 Kliphout Street.

3. **Fauna:**

Number 151 and 153 Koedoe Road.

Number 5 and 9 Springbok Road.

4. Heidedal:

Number 35 Frederick Street.

Number 55 Baadjies Street.

Number 29 Joe Meyer Street.

Number 75 Dr. Belcher Street.

Number 203 and 211 Tom Swartz Street.

Number 48 and 52 Daly Street.

Number 60 Lekay Street.

Number 2 and 8 Church Street.

40 and 44 Walvis Street.

In Anna Magerman Street at Doctors surgery rooms.

Parish street at Joe Solomon Street.

Lekay street Dr. Block hostel.

Dr. Belcher Street Olympia school.

5. Universitas:

Field parallel to Nelson Mandela Avenue between Jac van Rhyn and Furstenburg Streets.

6. Hilton, Navilsig, Waverley, Bayswater

Number 29 and 78 Exton Road.

Number 186 and 248 Long Street.

Number 32, 38 and 64 Raymond Mhlaba Street.

Corner of Gruis and Long Street, Hilton.

6 A.E. Viljoen Square Hilton.

Full length of Lombard Street.

Corner of Link and Fairview Street.

Raymond Mhalaba Street: Infrot of Navalsig High School and Navilsig Police Station.

Number 9 Waverley Road, Waverley.

In front of Arthur Nathan swimming pool on the pavement.

Number 30 Deal Road, Bayswater.

7. Pellissier, Fichardtpark.

Number 84 Besembos Street. Pellissier.

Huge sewer problem between Lantern Road and Vier Perdewa. Pellissier.

Number 24B and 78 Amie Pretorius Street, Fichardtpark.

Number 29 Simson Street, Fichardtpark.

Number 21 Du Plooy Avenue, Fichardtpark.

Number 56 and 77B Van Laun Avenue, Fichardtpark.

8. Thaba Nchu.

House number 5606, 5607 Thaba Nchu.

Number 618 Zone 1 Thaba Nchu.

9. Pieter Swarts (Bloemside, Grassland)

Three sewer leaks near Kamohelo Primary and Matshepo Cheche school.

10. Botshabela, Batho, Phahameng

3516 Nyokong Street

529 Ramathe street

Sewerage spillage on sidewalk in Hamilton Road, Batho

Stand 203, Ncaya street, Batho

Masenkeng Sports club, Lovedale Road, Batho

Corner of Thepe and Mahike streets, Batho

Corner Mill and Vooruitsicht street, Hamilton

4740 Thlobelo Street, Botshabelo

1570 Mape street, Batho

2527 Melk street, Botshabelo

6317 Ngomba Street, Phahameng

6152 Jonga Street, Phahameng

4691 Modiko Street, Botshabela

9334 Ramathe Street, Botshabela

55293 Peter Mokaba Square, Botshabela

5994 and 5995 Maseti street, Phahameng

11. De Wetsdorp, Wepener, Vanstadensrus

In the former Naledi region the waste water treatment works in the three towns have not been operational for more than a decade.

All the electricity cables at the premises has been stolen and the pump station is dilapidated and the equipment stolen.

CAS 01/08/2017 opened at SAPS Dewetsdorp and Wepener stations.

The only solution currently is to use honey-suckers, which is temporary, as a few weeks later the same sewerage-line blocks again.

In Dewetsdorp because the sewerage works is not operational, the sewerage dams are overflowing into the Modder River. The Modder River flows into the Rustfontein Dam, which is a water supply for Mangaung drinking water.

In Wepener because the sewerage works is not operational, raw sewerage is pumped into the Sandspruit which flows into the Caledon River. The Caledon River flows into the Welbedact Dam, which is a water supply for Mangaung drinking water.

In Van Stadensrus because the sewerage works is not operational, raw sewerage is forming dams and rivers of sewerage, which pollutes the ground water. The town only makes use of boreholes to supply water to residents.

The following sewerage problems are currently “active” and reoccurring and reported since 2017.

Ward 43 – Dewetsdorp:

1. The sewerage manhole in Brand Street, Dewetsdorp needs to be sucked clean. It is blocked and overflowing, causing other sewerage-drains in the street to overflow.
2. Sewerage is also overflowing in Church Street in the woods next to the soccer field, which is flowing into the spruit. On inspection a cordoned off hole was found from where it seems the sewerage is originating from.

Ward 50 – Wepener:

A case was opened at SAPS – CAS: 01/08/2017

1. Sewerage is blocked and overflowing out of the manhole at De Beer Street, Spies Street and Van Riet Street.
2. 9 Dewet Street, sewerage is blocked and overflowing on the property and into the Sandspruit.
3. Sewerage is blocked and overflowing at the OVK and Dorego’s Restaurant.
4. Sewerage is blocked and overflowing in Aster Street.

12. Noordhoek, Pentagonpark, Bayswater, Waverley, Hillside

Severe recurring sewerage spillage 10 and 12 Amsterdam street, Noordhoek. This is affecting close to 20 properties in the area, Amsterdam street, Rotterdam street and surrounding streets.

Sewerage flooding properties, houses and streets. No assistance from the Metro. Residents got a private plumber to open the line, but this is just for temporary relief. It will block again. Urgent inspection of the line and intervention is needed. This is a severe health risk.

4A Friesland Crescent. Its been blocked and overflowing for over a month. Residents can't get in and out of their property. No reaction from the Metro.

Sewerage spillage at Simola Complex, Petra street, Hillside, Bayswater. Blocked and overflowing for weeks. Reported numerous times. No assistance from the Metro. Urgent intervention required.

Sewerage spillage, 9 Waverley Road, Corner of Waverley and Fatcher Roads, Waverley. Reported to the Metro numerous times. Urgent intervention needed.

13. Groenvlei

Fellows Avenue, Groenvlei. Unattended for months
<https://maps.google.com/?q=-29.076605,26.182896>

14. Fichardtpark

Doxa Deo Church Serfontein Street Fichardtpark. First reported 13 December 2022 and still not attended to. Businesses affected KFC, Nandos, Stadium Bakery, Tyremart Fleurdal and @Office Pub.

15. Universitas, Park West

Mangaung Metro rod stuck in drain since November 2022 at 15 Tommy Border and 3 Christoffel du Plessis

Sewage overflowing constantly in field parallel to Nelson Mandela Avenue between Jac van Rhyn and Furstenburg since 2021

Sewage flooding houses at 24-28 John Knox Street

Sewage streaming at 23 Twell Street for 4 weeks.

Sewage overflowing at 6 Arndt street