The Sacramento region is fortunate to have its wastewater managed in a way that protects public health and the environment and provides cost-effective service through a regional approach. But how does this sophisticated system work?

It all starts with local collection

Depending on where your home or business is located, you may receive local wastewater collection from one of four local agencies: City of Sacramento; City of Folsom; or City of West Sacramento; or the Sacramento Area Sewer District, which serves unincorporated Sacramento County; the cities of Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, and Rancho Cordova; and portions of the cities of Folsom and Sacramento.

Local collection typically starts near the property line—after the private sewer lateral located on each property. From there, wastewater flows through larger pipes (collectors, main lines, and trunk lines) and a series of pump stations while on its way to the regional conveyance and treatment system.

A GUIDE to the Sacramento Region’s Sewer Services

Who Does What?

For information about your local collection agency, please contact the appropriate agency based on your location:

- **Sacramento Area Sewer District** ............................. (916) 875-6730
- **City of Sacramento Department of Utilities** ................................. (916) 808-5454
- **City of Folsom Sewer Department** ................................. (916) 355-8365
- **City of West Sacramento Public Works** ................................. (916) 617-4850
LOCAL COLLECTION vs. REGIONAL CONVEYANCE & TREATMENT

A. Homeowner/Business Sewer Lateral
These sewer pipes are located on private property and connect the building to the sewer cleanout.
- Usually built by developer
- Cost included in home price
- Maintained by property owner

B. Sewer Cleanout
If a sewer cleanout exists, it is usually located within two feet of the street sidewalk, on private property, or at the parcel line. Sewer cleanouts allow local sewer collection crews access to clean sewer lines.
- Built by developer
- Cost included in home price
- Maintained by local collection agency or property owner

C. Collectors
Collector sewer pipes (typically 6-8 inches in diameter), maintenance holes and pump stations accommodate wastewater flows less than one million gallons per day.
- Built by developer and/or local collection agency
- Maintained by local collection agency

D. Trunk Sewers
Trunk sewer pipes (typically 12-36 inches in diameter) and maintenance holes accommodate wastewater flows between one and 10 million gallons per day.
- Paid for by local collection agency
- Maintained by local collection agency

E. Local Collection Agency Pump Stations
Pump stations pump between one and 10 million gallons of wastewater per day to an elevation that allows for gravity flow.
- Built and maintained by local collection agency or developer

F. Regional San’s Interceptors and Pump Stations
Sewer pipes, manholes, and pump stations accommodate wastewater flows of 10 million gallons of wastewater per day—or greater.
- Built by Regional San
- Cost paid by Regional San
- Maintained by Regional San

G. Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
Wastewater is safely treated and returned to the Sacramento River.
- Built by Regional San
- Cost paid by Regional San
- Maintained by Regional San

Legend:
- Property Owner Maintained
- Local Collection Agency or Property Owner Maintained
- Local Collection Agency Maintained
- Regional San Maintained

* Please check with your local collection agency to determine responsibility for this section of pipe.
Getting Wastewater to the Treatment Plant

The local collection systems connect to a system of large pipes—called interceptors—and large pump stations that convey wastewater directly to Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Elk Grove. The interceptor system and wastewater treatment plant are owned and operated by Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San).

Treating and Safely Discharging Wastewater

The Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) has highly sophisticated processes for cleaning wastewater. The SRWTP safely and efficiently manages the wastewater treatment needs for approximately 1.6 million residents in the Sacramento region. On an average day, 150 million gallons of wastewater is treated—enough to cover a football field to a height of 40 stories! The SRWTP operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year.

After the wastewater treatment process is complete, the water is safely discharged to the Sacramento River.

Surrounding SRWTP is more than 2,000 acres of dedicated open space called the Bufferlands. This land serves as a "buffer" between treatment operations and neighboring communities while also creating a protected area for abundant wildlife and riparian habitat.