



**King County**

Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks

**Wastewater Treatment Division**

# **PROPERTY ACCESS**

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## **King County crews will be laying an 18” pipe across private property near the Fauntleroy Ferry Dock. The pipe will temporarily carry wastewater to bypass the broken force main.**

Please call John Phillips 206-263-6543 or Terry Smith 206-684-1480 if you have questions or concerns.

King County contractors and staff moved quickly to stop a sewer line leak in West Seattle's Lincoln Park shortly after it was discovered early Saturday morning. The leak occurred about a half-mile from King County's Barton Street Pump Station north of the Fauntleroy ferry dock.

To stop the leak, King County's Wastewater Treatment Division shut down the Barton pump station and will bypass the damaged line using trucks to haul wastewater from Barton to the Alki Treatment Plant. Once the temporary pipe is installed the beach could be reopened sooner.

The leak was caused when heavy rains and increased flows caused a section of the 50-year-old pipe to dislocate, creating a 10-foot-diameter sinkhole in the park. Another section of pipe on the same line was damaged after heavy rains on January 17.

King County is working on a long-term plan to repair or replace the aging facilities.

For public safety, King County fenced off the area around the leak and coordinated with City of Seattle Parks and Recreation staff to close the beach trail north of the Colman Pool.

King County staff will work to repair the pipe and resume normal operations as quickly as possible.

King County's Wastewater Treatment Division protects public health and water quality by serving 17 cities, 17 local sewer utilities and more than 1.4 million residents in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties. Formerly called Metro, the regional clean-water agency now operated by King County has been preventing water pollution for more than 40 years.