

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
SHREVEPORT

**SEWER DISRUPTION**

Purpose: To provide guidelines to administration for management of patient/employee related issues during a sewer disruption.

- Policy:
- I. The following individuals will be notified immediately if a major sewer outage occurs:
    - a. Hospital Administration
    - b. Director of Physical Plant
    - c. Safety Office
  
  - II. Hospital Administration – Total Outage
    - A. Determine Sewerage lines are not functioning due to lack of water pressure or no drainage.
  
    - B. Locate/identify source of water supply, if lack of city water pressure.
      - Obtain ample supply of water buckets
      - Establish bucket brigade to supply courtesy flush buckets to patient bathrooms as needed.
  
    - C. *Use floor supply of disposable bed pans and have Warehouse provide additional disposable bed pans if needed.*
  
    - D. Assess need for shut-down of water; exception fire water if becomes necessary to shut-down water supply refer to water outage plan.
  
    - E. Assess need to release non-critical patient and stop new admits, exception emergency cases.
  
  - III. Depending on type of outage, the public toilets, patient toilets, staff toilets and water functions shall be posted with signage indicating, out of order. Red bags can be placed inside toilet as a lining and collector for disposals.
  
  - IV. Director of Physical Plant will oversee repair to system and keep administration informed of time frame for repairs.
  
  - V. Safety Office – will lend support as needed.

- VI. Environmental Services will lend support in collecting waste from patient floors and provide plastic RED waste containers for collection.