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New Tap and System Inspection FAQs

New Services

New tap applicant(s) must be the property owner and are required to provide proof of ownership for the property where the tap will be installed. Connection will not be allowed until county building permits have been approved. The applicant is responsible for all installation costs. A detailed quote will be provided, and payment must be made in full prior to the start of work.

The cost of a water tap includes parts and installation of the tap itself, the connection line from the main to the water meter and the meter at the edge of the road or sidewalk. The cost of a sewer tap includes parts and installation of the tap itself, the connection line from sewer main to the cleanout at the edge of the road or sidewalk and the cleanout itself. Other costs of installing service may include outside contractors when necessary and utility locating, bores, street, gutter and sidewalk repairs.

Upon completion of the water tap installation, the meter will be locked. The property owner will be responsible for connecting to the exposed stub-out. The meter box and its contents must not be disturbed during this process. Town staff will inspect the connection and test the meter to verify proper function. If the meter or meter box is disturbed and rework is required, a reset fee will be assessed.

Upon completion of the sewer tap installation, the property owner will be responsible for connecting to the sewer cleanout.

Please see section on **Inspecting Connections**.

Once the connection(s) have passed inspection and the utility account has been activated, the meter will be unlocked (water taps only), and monthly charges for service will begin.

System Inspections

When a property has been vacant for one year or more, there must be an assessment completed before service can begin. Assessments will be conducted as Town staffing allows. The cost of restoring service will be as if for a new connection, with the property owner assuming all costs. The cost of restoration will be determined by the evaluation performed by the Town. Existing sewer services must have a cleanout near the property edge for the Town to evaluate the sewer connection.

Where there is no property edge cleanout, the property owner is responsible for the cost and installation of a cleanout, according to Town specifications, before the evaluation can take place. Upon completion of the sewer cleanout installation, Town staff will inspect the cleanout and connection to the sewer line.

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After completion of the assessment, a detailed quote of the cost to upgrade will be provided. Payment must be made in full prior to the start of work. Monthly user charges for service will begin once required upgrades are complete, the location has passed inspection, and a utility account has been established.

Inspecting Connections

Once the Town has completed installation of the tap or inspection and upgrade, or if a sewer cleanout is needed, the property owner will be responsible for making connection(s) to an exposed stub-out and/or sewer cleanout to the structure. Any connections required to be made by the property owner must pass inspection by Town staff prior to being backfilled (covered with dirt). If a connection or cleanout has been backfilled before the inspection takes place, the property owner will be required to uncover the connection/cleanout to allow for proper assessment.

What is a Sewer Cleanout?

A sewer cleanout is an access point to the structure's main sewer line that allows Town staff to conduct troubleshooting and maintenance. All new sewer service installations include a cleanout. Existing systems undergoing a system inspection must have a sewer cleanout installed to allow for evaluation.



Specifications: Sewer cleanouts must be no less than 4 inches in diameter and must have a 45-degree sweep or wye that points toward the Town sewer main. Two-way cleanouts are not permitted.

All cleanouts must be capped.



TOWN

Property Line

PROPERTY OWNER

Indoor Plumbing

4" Diameter

Property Line Cleanout **

This is the access point that allows Town staff to conduct troubleshooting and maintenance.

House Cleanout

Cannot be used by the Town for troubleshooting or maintenance.

**** For System Inspections - No Existing Cleanout**

A cleanout must be installed where green stake is placed to allow for evaluation.

Sewer Main

