



Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority

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Connecting to Sanitary Sewer in Unincorporated Newton County

Most residences and businesses are not connected to sanitary sewer in unincorporated Newton County, relying instead on septic tanks or on-site treatment. To fairly allocate the construction costs of new sewers to its users, the Authority requires new customers to fund sewer extensions.

Average costs for connection to the sewer system can range from \$50 to \$100 per foot from the residence or business to the nearest sewer manhole.

The following considerations are provided as guidelines or steps to assess whether your residence or business can or should connect to the sewer system. The NCWSA Engineering Department stands ready to assist in your assessment of the following:

1. Basic questions:
 - a. Does sanitary sewer exist on the County maintained right-of-way or sewer easement contiguous to the street address or property?
 - b. If so, are you inclined to pay the required connection fees? (Fees found at www.ncwsa.us or call Engineering Department)
 - c. Does sufficient fall (slope) exist for the house or business to connect to the gravity system. If not, Item d. may be considered.
 - d. If contiguous to the public sewer, you may consider a private lift station to lift the wastewater from the collection tank to the contiguous public sewer.

If the answer to any of the questions above is yes, we strongly encourage the hiring of a qualified design professional to verify the feasibility of connecting to the sewer system.

2. Retain a qualified design professional to develop construction drawings for the gravity or private lift station connection to the sewer. The construction drawings shall be reviewed and approved by NCWSA before construction is permitted.
3. If the property is not contiguous to the public sewer line located in the street right-of-way or sewer easement, legal recordable easements shall be obtained from all property owners between the property and the public sewer line so that right-of-access is granted.
4. Pay all connection fees and deposits to NCWSA so that sewer service is initiated.
5. Secure a professional contractor to construct the sewer line. The new line and facilities will be inspected by NCWSA per *Required Inspections for Sewer Lines*.
6. Private sewer lines (those not dedicated to NCWSA) will be maintained by the Owner and must meet NCWSA standards for reduction of infiltration and inflow.