



LAKE WHATCOM WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
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PERMITS AND NEW SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

OBTAINING A PERMIT Water and/or Sewer Permits are issued at the District office at 1220 Lakeway Drive by appointment only. An appointment allows permits to be prepared in advance for payment and pickup.



BILLING Water and sewer billing begins on the date the water meter is installed by the District. For sewer-only customers, billing begins on the date connection is made to the sewer main or side sewer.

STANDARDS All water and sewer services shall be installed per the District's current Design and Construction Standards. Copies of the standards are available at the District office.



WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION The District installs the water service and meter from the main to the property line. The owner/contractor installs the private water line from the meter to the building. Lot clearing and rough grading must be completed prior to the District installing a service and meter. A \$50 re-inspection fee will be charged to the account if the District mobilizes to install the service and finds the lot not cleared and rough graded. A water service and meter is usually installed within a week or two from the date of request for water service. The District will not install a meter until it receives a request for water service from the permit holder. **CALL 734-9224 TO REQUEST A WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION AFTER THE LOT IS CLEARED AND ROUGH GRADED.** All customers are required to install a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) on the meter side of the service to protect their plumbing systems from high pressure surges.



SEWER SERVICE INSTALLATION Sewer service lines from the sewer main to the cleanout adjacent to the building must be installed by a contractor on the District's Bonded Side Sewer Contractor List. A current list of bonded side sewer contractors is available at the District office. The contractor is responsible for requesting: (1) an onsite preconstruction meeting, (2) inspection prior to covering pipe, and (3) a leak test inspection after pipes are backfilled. A \$100 re-inspection fee will be charged to the account for a no-show preconstruction meeting or re-inspection of deficient work.

REQUIRED SEWER SERVICE MEETING AND INSPECTIONS

1. **Preconstruction Meeting.** Contractor calls and requests an onsite meeting with the District prior to starting construction of sewer services. The District Maintenance Foreman will call back to arrange the meeting time to determine sewer main connection and water service locations.

2. **Pipe Bedding and Backfill Inspection.** Contractor calls and requests an inspection by the District. Piping bedded to the mid-line of the pipe and tracer wire along the length of pipe.

3. **Leak Test Inspection.** Contractor calls and requests a leak test with the District after piping has been bedded and backfilled. Piping from the property line test cleanout to the building cleanout shall be filled with water by the contractor. A successful test is one where there is no measurable drop in water surface elevation at the building cleanout.


Call 734-9224 by 3pm to request a meeting or inspection the next business day.



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I have read and understand the District's policies outlined above.

Signature

Dated

Permit #