



TECHNICAL BULLETIN
Planning & Development Services
Building Inspections Division

TOPIC: Connecting to City of Arlington Sewer

The following steps must be followed to properly connect the home to the Sanitary Sewer.

1. **Contact the City of Arlington Water Utilities Department, (817) 459-6803, to pay the tap and impact fees for connection to the city sanitary sewer.** Water Utilities will then contract to have the connection made to the city sanitary sewer main and extend a sewer lateral to the propertylines.
2. **Before any work begins to connect to the new sewer lateral pipe, a plumbing permit must be obtained** from the City of Arlington Community Development and Planning Department, 2nd floor of City Hall, at 101 W. Abram St. Consider having a Responsible Master Plumber licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners obtain the permit.

If a person both owns and occupies the home, they are allowed by homestead exemption to do the work themselves without hiring a licensed plumber. However, the homeowner must follow the requirements as established in the *International Residential Code* as adopted by the City of Arlington, just as the plumber is required to follow. Some homeowners may be unaware of the technical requirements, which may result in delays and/or rework. If you are unsure of the steps required to properly install and test plumbing lines and complete a connection to the city sewer, then consider hiring a licensed and registered plumbing contractor. If the homeowners do the work themselves, then they must complete a homeowner's registration to confirm the homestead exemption status and obtain the plumbing permit.

The sewer line can now be installed from the house to the sewer lateral meeting all the requirements of the plumbing ordinance including a water test to check for leakage with a minimum of 5 feet water column.

3. **After the work is completed and the pipe is under test, a plumbing inspection must be requested** through the Building Inspections Division either online at AP.com or at (817)-261-8817 (24-hour line). Inspection requests received after 7 a.m. will be scheduled for the following business day. Do not cover the pipe until the work is approved. An inspection report will be left on site with any problems noted that need corrected and re-inspected. If the work is approved, then a green tag will be left on site and the sewer line can be covered.

The following steps must be followed to properly disconnect an abandoned septic system:

1. All wastewater / sludge must be removed from the tank by a licensed liquid waste transporter, holding a valid permit and registration with the City of Arlington's Water Resource Services and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
2. The lid of the tank must be removed, and the tank filled with clean sand or other clean fill dirt that is free of organic debris. The connection of the building drain to the new sewer line can now be made with a cleanout installed in the direction of flow. An inspection must now be requested to look at the fill placed in the tank and the connection at the house.
3. Follow the same procedure to request an inspection detailed above. Please note that this work must remain exposed for an inspection. An inspection report will be left on site with any problems noted that need corrected and re-inspected. If all the work is approved, then a green tag will be left on site and this will be the final inspection.

If you have specific questions, please contact at (817) 459-6502.