

Town of LaGrange Wastewater Treatment Facilities

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LaGrange, IN 46761
260-463-2042

“Sewer Only” Metering Requirements-Residential

“Sewer Only” customers are classified as customers who are connected to the LaGrange Wastewater System but are not connected to the LaGrange Water System.

“Sewer Only” customers are billed for water sent to the LaGrange Wastewater System by metering the amount of well water that enters the customer’s residence. Outside hose bibs do not generally enter the Wastewater System and should not be metered. It is the responsibility of the customer to have home’s plumbing installed or modified to eliminate metering of the outside hose bibs.

The “Sewer Only” customer is responsible for:

1. Completing an “Application for Water and Wastewater Service”, available from the Utility Clerk at the LaGrange Town Hall
2. The cost of the meter, fittings and remote readout (supplied by the Wastewater Department),
3. Purchase, installation and maintenance of the remote cable as well as plumbing for the meter
4. All costs for meter maintenance and replacement.

During the period which “Sewer Only” service is active the Wastewater Department will perform all meter maintenance and replacements. All costs, when appropriate, will be billed to the customer. Under no circumstances are customers allowed to bypass, remove, disassemble or otherwise alter the meter or remote unit.

“Sewer Only” water meters shall be installed no later than 30-days after the property has been connected to the sanitary sewer system. Failure to properly complete the pre-installation requirements and schedule meter installation within the 30-day period may result in the property being disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. The Wastewater Superintendent may extend the 30-day period when construction or other unavoidable delays are encountered. The homeowner or homeowner’s representative shall submit a written request to the Wastewater Superintendent no later than 29-days after the property has been connected to the sanitary sewer in order to receive consideration in extending the 30-day period. No extension will be granted if the home is occupied or supplied with potable water.

Prior to meter installation the following shall be completed by the homeowner or homeowner’s representative (see diagrams backside of this sheet):

1. A completed and signed “Application for Water and Wastewater Service” has been submitted to and approved by the Utility Clerk
2. All required fees are paid
3. Non-plastic 3/4-inch shutoff valves with 3/4-inch female threads facing the meter shall be installed immediately before and after the meter in order to allow for meter replacement and maintenance. The space between the 3/4-inch valve faces shall be 1 1/8-inches in order to allow proper meter installation. A temporary filler shall be installed between the valves to allow flushing of the water line prior to meter installation. The filler shall consist of two 3/4-inch nipples joined by a 3/4-inch union.
4. A remote reading cable shall be installed. The cable shall be a minimum 4-wire, 24-gauge solid copper wire (telephone cable). The cable shall extend 3-feet beyond the meter installation point and 1-foot beyond the exterior mounting location.
5. The building plumbing shall be oriented so that:
 - A. Supply lines for outdoor hose bibs connect to the home’s water supply line ahead of the meter installation point
 - B. Supply lines for all indoor facilities connect to the home’s water supply line beyond the meter installation point
 - C. The meter will be installed in a horizontal position
 - D. The meter will be installed with the indicator facing up
 - E. The meter will be installed no higher than 5-feet above the immediate standing surface
 - F. The meter will be installed in an area accessible to department personnel
 - G. The meter will be installed in an unobstructed area 14-inches deep by 14-inches high (7-inches in each direction from the centerline of the temporary filler)
 - H. The weight of the meter and adapters are properly supported (approximately six pounds)

After the above requirements have been completed the homeowner or homeowner’s representative shall contact the LaGrange Wastewater Department at 260-463-2042 to schedule the meter installation.