



New Water and Sewer Connections

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PLEASE NOTE: Informational Bulletins should not be used as substitutes for actual codes and regulations. Detailed information regarding codes and regulations can be obtained by calling the Code Administration Division at (307) 721-5271.

Is a permit required before I connect to the city water or sewer systems?

Yes. City code prohibits any connection to the water or sewer systems of the city without first having obtained a permit from the City of Laramie. All connections must be made in accordance with City specifications and will be subject to the supervision, inspection and acceptance of the City Engineer. Application forms are available at the Code Administration Division at 405 Grand Avenue, Laramie, Wyoming.

What fees must be paid before a permit will be issued?

There are three basic fees that you may be responsible for depending on the scope of your project. They are:

- **Plumbing Permit Fee**

This fee varies depending on the scope of the proposed work and covers the cost of inspection of all work involved in your project that is located on private property. If street or alley excavations are required, a separate permit must be obtained for that work.

- **Meter Fee**

This fee covers the cost of the water meter, backflow prevention device and installation by the City.

- **Plant Investment Fee**

The Plant Investment Fee is a one-time fee charged for all new connections to City services. These fees are for debt retirement and/or future capital expansion and replacement relative to the city's water and sewer system.

All fees vary between projects and are subject to change from time to time. Current prices can be obtained by contacting the Code Administration Division of the Engineering Department. Payment of the plumbing permit fee and meter fee will entitle the applicant to proceed with the work. Payment of the Plant Investment Fee will entitle the applicant to service.

What portion of the work am I responsible for? What part does the City do?

Except for water meter installations, property owners are responsible for work on their own property, including service lines from the structure to the property line. When water or sewer taps are not already available, property owners are responsible for having the proper taps installed at their expense. Either a homeowner at his/her own home, or a licensed plumbing contractor can do any work performed on private property. Work performed within a public right-of-way must be done by a licensed plumbing contractor. When all work is completed, inspected and all appropriate fees are paid, the City will install the water meter.

Who do I contact to arrange an inspection of my portion of the project?

You must contact the Code Administration Division at 405 Grand Avenue, phone 721-5271. Inspections must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

How much advance notice is needed for scheduling water meter and pit installations?

All water meter installations require at least 48 business hours advance notice. Water service through existing water meters will be initiated within 24 working hours of notification and payment of all applicable fees by the applicant.

What installation standards does the City use?

The International Plumbing Code, International Residential Code (where applicable), the City of Laramie Standard Drawings and the Wyoming Public Works Standard Specifications as modified and adopted by the City Engineer.

Most new residential water services will require inside meters with remote readers. The City Engineer will locate commercial or industrial meters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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