

TOWN OF PERALTA SEWER SERVICE

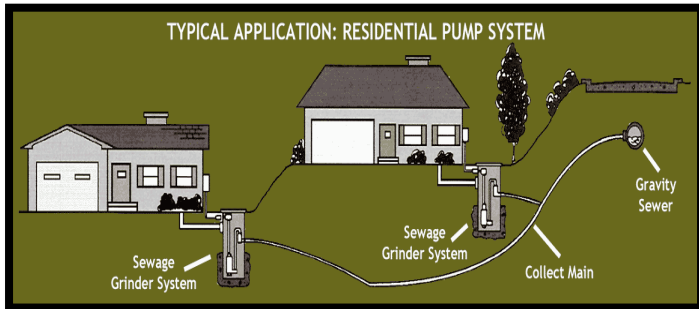
As you have probably noticed.... The Town of Peralta is in the process of implementing a sewer system to protect groundwater quality and fulfill the Town's long-term goals of fostering municipal wastewater infrastructure. The Town's wastewater project has been a regional priority and a mutual effort with the Town's good neighbor, Bosque Farms. The wastewater is being conveyed to the Bosque Farms wastewater treatment plant for treatment and discharged into the Rio Grande.

Phase I-A and Phase I-B are currently under construction and are the most time-sensitive phases due to incorporating it into the NMDOT Highway 47 project. These phases include the main sewer line along the NM 47 corridor and the main sewer line to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. To maximize efficiency, Phase I-A has been installed in conjunction with the NMDOT road improvements to NM 47. Phase I-B is currently being constructed and will make sewer service available to approximately 250 residents. The long term goal is to have 1500 residents and businesses connected.

The protection of the groundwater quality in Peralta and the adjacent Bosque Farms and Los Lunas was the overriding need that resulted in this priority.



With construction of Hwy 47 underway, the main sewer lines have been installed and contractors will be contacting residents and businesses within phase 1 to make connection arrangements. Additional phases of the sewer system will be scheduled as funding becomes available. For any questions regarding when your neighborhood please contact the Peralta Town Hall staff at 505-869-2050.



The above pictures are sample of what the system will be like. Each property will have a grinder pump unit that will pump liquid waste to the main collection line going to the wastewater treatment plant.



Contractors began working in the neighborhoods by installing the trunk lines within the street areas. Once the trunk lines are installed, the contractor will make arrangements with the property owner for installation of your grinder pump, and to close out the old septic system. The Town realizes that each property is unique and will make sure the contractor does everything possible to respect your wishes and make sure your connection goes as smoothly as possible.



Once your system is complete, it will have a green mushroom looking cover. Additional decorative covers are also available.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Sewer Services

Am I required to connect? The purpose of implementing the sewer service is for the protection of the area drinking/groundwater. Over the past few years the Town has implemented a Sewer Ordinance that complies with the New Mexico Environment Department laws relating liquid waste disposal and drinking water quality. The Ordinance requires property owners to connect to the system when it becomes available in their neighborhood. There is a set of criteria spelled out in the Ordinance for those who are not able to connect to the system when it becomes available.

What if my septic system is rather new and I want to stay on it? Property owners shall provide to the Town proof of septic system permit from NMED and a recent septic inspection by a certified inspector, providing proof that your septic system is properly functioning per NMED's requirements.

Is there a fee to connect? Property owners are to pay for the initial connection fee which covers the cost of the grinder pump, the electronic connections, plumbing, yard work and closing out your old septic system. The connection fee is \$3,500 for a single residential unit and \$4,500 for a double grinder pumping unit. The Utilities Department can answer any questions regarding which type of grinder pump may be needed. The Town also has some financing options to help property owners pay for the connection. Options are \$700.00 down, with payment options of 24 mos., 36mos, and 48mos.

Can I hire my own contractor to connect to the system? The Town has funding for, and an agreement with a qualified contractor to install the grinder pumps and to make connections. This provides for consistency and correctness with every connection. The Contractor selected by the Town is obligated to warranty their work and is responsible for repairing any malfunction of the system. Property Owners are required to use the Town's Contractor at this time.

IF WE DO NOT HOOK UP NOW WILL IT COST MORE LATER? Yes because the property owner will pay for the grinder pump and contractor costs.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ARE LATE ON OUR PAYMENT? You assessed a late fee per the Town's Sewer Service Ordinance.

WHAT IS THE MONTHLY FEE? \$42.50 plus tax for residential and 62.50 plus tax for commercial for a single grinder pump. Double grinders fee are residential is \$57.50 plus tax and commercial is \$78.00 plus tax.

INSTALLATION QUESTIONS:

WILL THE INSTALLER GO OVER THE INSTALLATION WITH US BEFORE THEY START THE WORK? Yes.

WILL I HAVE ANY INPUT ON HOW THE INSTALLATION WILL BE DONE? That will be between the contractor and you.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE WAY THE INSTALLER WANTS TO DO THE WORK? The Town of Peralta Utilities Director.

WHO REMOVES AND REPLACES LANDSCAPE (SIDEWALKS, GRASS, LANDSCAPE ROCK, ETC) Homeowner.

WHO REPAIRS EXISTING UTILITY LINES THAT GET DAMAGED (ELECTRIC, PHONE, WATER, ETC...) The contractor will every attempt to mitigate any damages to properties. The homeowner is responsible for any personal property or fixtures they want to protect.

WHO DO WE CONTACT IF THE GRINDER PUMP FAILS? Town of Peralta 869-2050, after hours call Dispatch at 865-9130.

AREAS SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATIONS Phase 1 includes Hwy 47 corridor, Chughole and adjoining streets along Chughole area and Alecia Circle.

WHEN WILL MY AREA BE READY FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM? The Town of Peralta is working in phases. Homeowners will need to call the Town to see what phase they would be in.

WHO GETS PRIORITY? The Town of Peralta is working on the densely populated areas one phase at a time.

HOW DID TOWN OF PERALTA ACQUIRE THE FINANCES FOR THIS PROJECT?

A. MIL LEVY – The Town of Peralta receives 3% of property taxes paid, which goes towards Sewer System Project.

B. GROSS RECEIPTS TAX –10% of the monthly GRT goes towards the Sewer System Project.

C. Capital Outlay grants – with the generous support of State Senator Michael Sanchez, Senator Clemente Sanchez, Representative Kelly Fajardo and Representative Alonzo Baldonado, the Town has received funding for design and construction of phase 1 of this project.

D. The Town secured financing from the State Infrastructure Bank and Rural Infrastructure Projects in order to pay for construction costs.

E. The Town of Peralta also obligated some of the Small Cities Assistance fund received in 2015 from the State of New Mexico.