



Town of Smithfield

Smithfield Sewer Authority
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TOWN OF SMITHFIELD SEWER CONNECTION PROCEDURE

A Sewer Service Connection Permit is required for any connections to the Town’s sewer system, even if it is on private property.

This includes:

- ✓ Connection of a new sewer line to an existing line
- ✓ Modifications
- ✓ Repairs
- ✓ Disconnections

Any and all sewer service connections must be performed by a State of Rhode Island Underground Utility Licensed Drain Layer, Master Plumber and/or Master Pipefitter; a copy of a valid license must be provided. (www.crb.ri.gov)

A. Sewer Connections to an Existing Lateral (No work within Town Road/Right-of-Way):

For an existing sewer service lateral at the property line, which will be extended to a single family or multi-family home, the Smithfield Sewer Authority contracted inspector, Veolia Water, will inspect the installation and connection.

If the connection is for a commercial or industrial facility refer to Section B.

- 1) A Sewer Connection Permit must be filled out and signed by both the homeowner and the State of RI Underground Utility Licensed Drain Layer/Master Plumber/Master Pipefitter (a copy of a valid license must be provided).

The following is required for permit approval:

- Applicant must post a \$5 permit fee per building.
- Applicant must post a fee of \$35 per unit for the first unit inspection and every unit thereafter \$20 per unit for inspection. (Refer to Chapter 294, Sections 16 & 17 for definitions of “unit”.)

COST OF PERMIT AND INSPECTION (Example)

Permit (\$5.00 / Building): \$5.00 x Number of Buildings _____ = \$ _____
Inspection (\$35.00 for 1st Unit and \$20/Unit thereafter): *Note: Single Family connection is considered 1-Unit.*
\$35.00 (1st Unit) + \$20 x Number of Additional Units _____ = \$ _____
Total Cost: Permit Fee + Inspection Fee \$ _____

- Post Bond, if required.
 - Upon the completion of the permit application, the applicant has 30-days to complete the connection.
- 2) Provide **48-hours prior to start of work**, contact the Town Engineer’s Office at 401-233-1041, to schedule an inspection by the Smithfield Sewer Authority’s contracted inspector, Veolia Water.

B. Sewer Extension and/or Sewer Service Connections requiring the extension of sewers for single family, multi-family, subdivisions, commercial or industrial facility and for any sewer work within a Town roadway:

- 1) Applicant must submit 3-sets of design plans prepared and stamped by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Rhode Island.
 - Refer to the Town of Smithfield Sewer Ordinance, Sewer Authority's Rules & Regulations (<http://www.smithfieldri.gov>) and Sewer Authority's Design Specifications and Details manual for plan and design requirements (copies can be purchased at the Sewer Authority Office/Town Engineer's Office for a nominal fee).
- 2) The plans will be forwarded to the Town's sewer consultant, BETA Group, Inc., for review.
- 3) BETA Group, Inc. will develop a review and inspection fee for the work.
- 4) Applicant must post the review and inspection fees to the Town prior to plan approval.
- 5) After review and inspection fees have been posted, BETA Group, Inc. will complete the review of the plans.
- 6) Applicant and contractor are required to submit a Sewer Service Connection Permit, as outlined in Section A, for each structure connecting to the public sewer system.
- 7) Applicant is responsible to submit a Road Opening Permit and post necessary bonds.
 - Smithfield DPW to obtain a Road Opening Permit for Town roads
 - Post Road Opening Bond – Bond amount set by Smithfield DPW Director
 - Standard Detail must be adhered to on roadway trench patching (temporary and permanent).
 - Please note there is a moratorium between December 15th and April 1st for work within the Town's public roadways.
 - RIDOT Permit is required for State roads
- 8) For inspections, call the Town Engineer's Office **48-hours in advance** to schedule the inspection – 401-233-1041.
 - Sewer connection work for commercial, industrial, new subdivisions and any sewer extensions will be inspected entirely by BETA Group, Inc.
 - Sewer connections for residential single or two-family homes, BETA Group, Inc. will inspect the work within the Town's Right-of-Way and/or State roads. An inspector from the Sewer Authority's contracted inspector, Veolia Water, will inspect the sewer work from the edge of the Town's ROW and/or State roads to the tie-in at structure.
- 9) Submit as-built plans upon project completion to the Smithfield Sewer Authority Office/Town Engineer's Office. (Refer to Chapter 294, Section 9, in the latest Smithfield Code of Ordinances for specific requirements.)
- 10) Refer to the Smithfield Sewer Authority's latest edition for Standard Specification and Details for the Installation of Sewers and Appurtenances by Private Developers for details and standards on design and

installation of sewers. Copies can be purchased at the Sewer Authority Office/Town Engineer's Office for \$25.00/each.

- 11) Sewer Service Connection applications are available on the Town web site www.smithfieldri.gov and in the Sewer Authority/Town Engineer's Office.
- 12) The Smithfield Sewer Authority Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) Connection to the Smithfield Sewer Collection System Preliminary Industrial Wastewater Discharge Survey is available on the Town web site and in the Sewer Authority/Town Engineer's Office.
- 13) The Town of Smithfield Preliminary Wastewater Discharge Survey for Restaurant & Food Preparation Establishments is available on the Town web site and in the Sewer Authority/Town Engineer's Office.
- 14) For additional information or questions, please contact the Smithfield Sewer Authority/Town Engineer's Office at 401-233-1041.