



TOWN OF COHASSET
SEWER COMMISSION
41 Highland Avenue
Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025

SEWER CONNECTION OWNER CHECKLIST

The following checklist contains common major tasks related to sewer service construction. Your individual sewer connection may be more or less complex and actual items may vary.

PRELIMINARY STEPS

- Review application package. Application packages were mailed to each home in 2009; copies are available at the Sewer Commission office or can be downloaded from the Sewer Commission homepage at www.townofcohasset.org
- Contact at least three Licensed Drain Layer's for a free estimate. Lists are available at the Sewer Commission office or by visiting the Sewer Commission homepage at www.townofcohasset.org
- Research your existing utilities and buried structures on your property so that data can be transferred onto the application and allow conflicts to be identified and resolved.
- Determine what you will want to do with your old septic system. Board of Health Decommissioning Regulations are included in the application package.
- After obtaining Drain Layer quotes, select a licensed drain layer for your installation, enter into a contract with them and begin work to devise a sewer service layout plan suitable and affordable to your site.
- Submit your Application for Sewer Service Connection along with a proposed layout plan showing all required information, a site plan will be provided to you by the Sewer Commission office. Pay the \$1,000 application fee.
- The grinder pump model that is suitable for your service connection will be determined by you and your Drain Layer. You will be responsible to pay the grinder pump fee (average cost is \$3300). A voucher from the Sewer Commission will be issued to your Drain Layer in order for them to pick up the grinder pump.
- Your Drain Layer will schedule and coordinate all permits and inspections for the system which include:
 - Proposed sewer service connection and application review by the Resident Engineer
 - Conservation Commission review for any potential wetland resource area that may be affected
 - Inspection of piping and pump unit prior to backfilling
 - Trench permit and all permits for electrical work and any Building Code related plumbing (Separate Permitting required from the Building Department)
 - Pressure testing and start up certification inspection through the Sewer Commission
 - Septic system decommissioning or other options allowable by the Board of Health
- Additionally, the Town of Cohasset has approved a low interest rate loan program, payable over twenty years, to help in the cost of sewer connection construction. Please call Jane Linhares, Old Colony Planning Council @ 508.583.1833 for additional information.