

Septic to Sewer Conversion Program



This program allows residents to apply to the City of Bend annually to complete a sewer project in an area where properties are currently served by private onsite septic systems.

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The program is funded through utility rate revenues and allows residents to apply for \$3.5M annually. Projects that are selected by the committee are referred to as Neighborhood Extension Projects (NEP).

How it Works



Meeting with Applicant and Septic to Sewer Program Manager

- 2** *Applicant Completes Door-to-door Petitions; submits application by September 1 annually*
- 3** *Committee Selection of Neighborhood Extension Project(s)*
- 4** *City Design and Construction of Project*
- 5** *Notice of Operational Completion (NOC) Mailed to Property Owners*
- 6** *Property owner obtains Septic Tank Abandonment Permit from Deschutes County*
- 7** *Property owner obtains Plumbing permit from City and pays fees; sewer billing account is created*
- 8** *Plumber, Excavator, and/or homeowner completes sewer connection on private property*

Application Process

Neighborhood Extension Project applications are based on the following criteria:

1. Cost of the sewer extension project, including design;
2. Total number of homes or properties to be connected to the public sewer system from the project;
3. Whether other City construction projects are planned for the street identified in the application;
4. The percentage of property owners who would be served by the neighborhood sewer extension project who have joined or signed onto the application;
5. The age of existing septic systems that would be replaced by the proposed neighborhood sewer extension project and evidence of failing septic systems; and
6. Other factors established by the City Manager.

Applications are due September 1 annually:

[View the Neighborhood Extension Project \(NEP\) Application](#)

Reference guide on the program and the application process:

[View the Septic to Sewer Reference Guide](#)

More Information - Septic to Sewer Connection

If your property is part of a Neighborhood Extension Project and you wish to convert your septic system to connect to the city sewer, please refer to the guidelines below:

Steps to Connect

Fees to Connect

Financial Assistance

Septic-to-Sewer Construction Projects

Meetings and Updates

Other Resources

Background

The Septic to Sewer Conversion Program is the result of 18 months of work with the [Septic to Sewer Advisory Committee](#) and recommendations from the committee. Please see [Bend Code Chapter 15.10](#) for the amendment to the Bend Code establishing this program.

Administrative Policies

Administrative policies play a vital role in maintaining a clear and consistent framework for the Septic to Sewer Conversion Program. We encourage all participants, stakeholders, and interested parties to familiarize themselves with the following administrative policies that govern the operations of this program.

POLICY NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
<u>2021-2</u>	Septic System Repair Policy and Guidelines for City Staff in Interpreting the Sewer Code	04/26/2021
<u>2022-5</u>	Septic to Sewer Conversion Program Hardship Deferral Policy for Connection Requirement Within Two Years from the Notice of Completion and Guidelines for City Staff in Interpreting the Sewer Code	07/06/2022

FAQs

What are the benefits of converting to City sewer?

When will I be required to connect to City sewer?

How are Neighborhood Extension Projects chosen?

How much money is available for the Septic to Sewer Conversion Projects, and what can the money be used for?

What is the process to decommission a septic system and how much does it cost?

After a sewer project is completed, when will I be able to connect to sewer?

Will I be guaranteed a gravity sewer connection?

What is a Temporary Construction Access Agreement (TCAA)?

What is an Infrastructure Transfer Agreement (ITA)?

How do I apply for permits for a septic-to-sewer conversion?

Updates

Signup for Project Updates:

1. Name

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First

Last

2. Email Address *

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To receive a copy of your submission, please fill out your email address below and submit.

Email Address

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