

# STEPS TO CONNECT TO PUBLIC SEWER

## Septic to Sewer Conversion Program

This handout provides guidelines for property owners to connect to public sewer after receiving a City-issued Notice of Operational Completion (NOC).

### 1 City Completes Construction

The City will finish construction of the sewer project within the City-owned right of way.

### 2 Notice of Operational Completion (NOC)

The City will mail each property owner that received a sewer lateral or “stub-out” a Notice of Operational Completion (NOC). The NOC is notification that the property owner can connect to sewer. The NOC will be recorded on the property.

*Property owners have two years from the date of the NOC to receive a 50 percent discount on the Connection Fee. Any property owner who signed the application is required to connect within two years from the date of the NOC.*

### 3 Get a Quote From a Licensed Professional

The property owner will decide how to connect their house to the sewer. The City of Bend suggests that property owners receive competitive bids from licensed plumbers and/or excavators to understand the best approach for their property to connect, as well as the cost associated with this work.

### 4 Obtain Tank Abandonment Permit

The property owner or hired contractor will obtain a *Tank Abandonment Permit* from Deschutes County Environmental Soils Division (contact information below).

### 5 Obtain Plumbing Permit

The property owner or hired contractor will obtain a *Plumbing Permit* from the City of Bend Community Development Department (contact info below). Prior to permit issuance, the Plumbing Permit fee, the System Development Charge (SDC), and the Connection Fee (when applicable) will need to be paid. Current fees are provided below. Contact information below.

### 6 Connect

The property owner or hired contractor will complete the plumbing work on private property, including, but not limited to, decommissioning the septic tank and installing new plumbing to connect to the sewer service lateral or “stub-out.” The property owner or hired contractor is responsible for all applicable inspections and/or provide reports to the City of Bend and/or Deschutes County.

## Fees to Connect (Valid through June 30, 2026)

Property owners who connect to sewer within 2 years of receiving the Notice of Operational Completion (NOC) will receive a 50% discount on the Connection Fee.\*

Financial assistance programs are available for those who qualify. See [bendoregon.gov/septictosewerprogram](https://bendoregon.gov/septictosewerprogram) for more information.

	Connected <i>Within 2 Years</i> (from NOC)	Connected <i>After 2 Years</i> (from NOC)
Connection Fee*	\$5,240.83	\$10,481.66
System Development Charges (SDCs)*	\$6,025	\$6,025
Private Costs**	Vary by lot	Vary by lot
Total Costs	\$11,265.83 + private costs	\$16,506.66 + private costs

\*The Connection Fee and SDCs are subject to increase and are adopted by City Council on an annual basis. The approved City of Bend Fee Schedule in place at the time of permit submittal will apply. SDC fees are listed as an the Average Single Unit Residential rates and may vary depending on property square footage.

\*\*Private Costs can include, but are not limited to, permits, septic system abandonment, plumbing, trenching, reversing the plumbing underneath the home, installing a private pump if needed, etc. Costs vary due to site-specific conditions. The City recommends property owners receive competitive bid estimates from licensed plumbers and/or excavators.

Sign up for email updates and find more info: [bendoregon.gov/septictosewerprogram](https://bendoregon.gov/septictosewerprogram)

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