




## ATTENTION PLUMBERS AND CONTRACTORS:

# The Sewer Connection Process in Philadelphia is Changing

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) is issuing **new regulations** (Sewer Connection Regulations) and a **companion manual** (Sewer Connection and Repair Manual) governing lateral connections to the public sewer.

 **Why change the process?** Clearer expectations and proper sewer connection procedures help reduce the occurrence of cave-ins, other repairs, and premature replacement.

## What is changing?

The significant changes include:

- 1. A sewer connection permit and fee will be required** for a new connection to the public sewer and repairs to an existing lateral. *Please note this is in addition to L+I's plumbing permit and fee.*
- 2. Core drilling will be required.**
- 3. The plumber must schedule a PWD inspection of the lateral connection before backfilling.**  
*Please note that L+I will still inspect curb traps and main house drains.*
- 4. Proper backfilling will be enforced.**

## What is the cost of the sewer connection permit?

**The basic connection fee starts at \$265** and will increase based on the size of the connection. This is in addition to L+I's plumbing permit fee.

## When will PWD start enforcing the new regulations?

PWD will start enforcing the new regulations on **October 1, 2017**. We have inspectors on the street now educating plumbers and contractors about the new standards and process.

## To get a sewer connection permit:

- ▶ **For a new connection**, start by contacting PWD's Water Transport Records Unit at **215.685.6271** or email [wtr@phila.gov](mailto:wtr@phila.gov) for preliminary review.
- ▶ **For repairs**, apply at the Water Desk at the Municipal Services Building at 1401 JFK Boulevard.

## To see the Regulations & Manual:



The Regulations and Manual are available online and by phone.

Visit [www.phila.gov/water/regulations](http://www.phila.gov/water/regulations) or call **215.685.6271** to request a copy.

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