

The Infill Sewerage Program

The Western Australian Infill Sewerage Program aims to reduce the potential for health and environmental risks by capturing and treating wastewater in a modern and safe manner.

The Program provides a central wastewater system to those areas of Perth and country towns where septic systems are no longer suitable.

Infill sewerage supports orderly development, modernisation and the renewal of residential and commercial infrastructure.

As your area is now completed, you can connect your property to our central wastewater system.

When do I have to connect?

Now that our central wastewater system is available, we encourage you to connect as soon as possible. Making this connection is your responsibility and you will need to make arrangements with a licensed plumber to connect your house to our wastewater connection point.

You must connect within five years from the time we advise the connection is available. If the property is redeveloped, you must connect at the time the redevelopment work is undertaken.

If you delay connection, you face the ongoing costs of maintaining your septic tank and leach drain. Annual service charges for sewerage will also be charged whether you connect or not. For eligible pensioners, concessional rates are available or payments may be deferred until eligibility ceases.

How much will it cost?

The cost of connection varies depending on depth, length and ground conditions. For a residential property, current costs usually range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 but this is subject to change depending on individual property requirements.

How do I connect?

To connect you will need to consult a licensed plumber to organise a quote. We recommend you contact the Master Plumbers Association of Western Australia (Phone: **08 9471 6661** or Email: mail@mpawa.asn.au) for a list of their members and get at least two quotes. Alternatively you can check the Yellow Pages.

Please remind your plumber to provide Water Corporation with a copy of your plumbing drawing (flimsy) showing the detail of your sewer connection. We retain the drawing for reference by future property owners and their plumbers. You may also like to keep a copy for your own records.

Decommissioning of septic tanks

The Department of Health requires that your old septic tank and leach drain be decommissioned after you have connected to the central wastewater system. You should contact the health services section of your shire, city or town to establish the decommissioning requirements.

What if I cannot afford to connect?

Water Corporation cannot assist with plumber's fees required for your connection. We may be able to assist you with a payment plan for your sewer rates should you be experiencing financial difficulties.

What if I have a non-domestic property?

Domestic waste connections can be made from properties zoned commercial and industrial. However, should you wish to dispose of other than domestic wastes, you will need to apply for a permit to discharge industrial waste to our central wastewater system. Your plumber will advise whether a permit is required.

How to contact us

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