

Steps to Sewer Connection

Step 1 - Sewer Service Application: Submit a Sewer Application (\$245.00 City parcels, \$275.00 County parcels) at the City of Chico, 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor (530) 879-6900.

- a) Connection fees will be calculated.
- b) Eligibility for connection will be determined. Annexation and/or other conditions may be required
- c) A letter stating fees and any conditions will be mailed to the applicant.

Please note: County parcels will need to get approval to connect to City sewer from Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Please call Steve Lucas at LAFCO (530) 538-6819 for information on fees and procedure.

Step 2 - Sewer Connection Fees: Pay Sewer Connection fees to the City of Chico. There is an option for properties with existing septic systems to have the fees included in your property tax bill over a 10-year period (Assessment-In-Lieu form - \$848 Petition fee).

Step 3 - Building Permit: Obtain a plumbing permit (\$163) and if necessary, an encroachment permit from the City of Chico.

Step 4 - Environmental Health Permit*: Obtain a septic destruction permit (\$222.00) from Butte County Environmental Health, 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville (530) 538-7281.

Step 5 – Installation:

- d) a. Off-Site: A properly licensed contractor will connect the lateral to the City's sewer main unless one is already installed.
- e) b. On-Site: The property owner or contractor continues the lateral to the point of conversion.
- f) c. At the point of conversion the plumbing from the house is connected to the new lateral.

Step 6 - Building Permit Inspection - Schedule a new sewer use inspection from the City of Chico Building Division.

Step 7 - Destroy septic tank: A licensed contractor will need to destroy the septic tank.

Step 8 - Environmental Health Inspection: Call for a septic tank destruction inspection from Butte County Environmental Health (530) 538-7281.

* Butte County Environmental Health updates a list of certified professionals at:
http://www.buttecounty.net/Portals/21/Env_Health/Wastewater/CertifiedPumpers.pdf