

Lower Township MUA

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Dear Property Owner,

The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (LTMUA) is pleased to inform you that sewer service is now available for your property. You may connect to the sewer service now or wait until the end of the one-year mandatory connection period.

In order to promote an economical expansion of sewer service into Lower Township, the Lower Township Utilities Authority passed resolutions requiring all properties fronting vacuum sewer mains to connect to the sewer system. In addition, the resolutions provided for an interest free five-year payment plan for paying the required allocation fee provided the payments are made on time. ***You will have until March 1, 2025 to pay at least the 1st installment of the allocation fee and connect to the sewer system.***

How do I connect to the new Sewer Service?

- To connect to the sewer service, you will have to complete and return the enclosed Application for Sewer Connection. This provides us with basic information about your property and contact information.
- Along with the application you will be required to pay the required allocation fee in full or select the interest free payment plan. The allocation fee is **\$1,600.00 per residential dwelling unit**, for a single-family residential unit. Multiple residential or commercial properties will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Allocation Fee: You may pay the allocation fee in full upon making the application to connect or you may make payments to the LTMUA in annual installments over a five (5) year period until paid in full.
- Allocation Fee Payment Plan: You must pay your first installment of \$400.00. The payment plan remains interest free as long as all payments are made on or before the due date. A penalty charge of 18% (1½% per month) on the unpaid balance will be assessed if the payment is not made in accordance with the agreement.
- You have one-year to connect your property to the sewer system – by ***March 1, 2025***.

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- After making application and payment, the next step is to contract a plumber to install your sewer service (or you may elect to do it yourself). All sewer service connections must be installed per the LTMUA's Rules and Regulations. A plumbing permit may be required from Lower Township prior to installing the sewer service. Property owners should also check with the County Health Department regarding the requirements to abandon their current septic system.
- Sewer service connections shall be made to the building plumbing system only. Typically, this would begin outside of your building where your sewer line exits the foundation. ***Sewer service connections are not permitted to the existing septic tank, septic pump chamber or cesspool.***
- A 4-inch sewer lateral has been installed to service your property. This ~ 2-foot section of SDR35 4-inch pipe is capped as it comes out of a Tee fitting (house-side) installed by the LTMUA contractor. This 2-foot section of pipe will be the connection point to tie in your sewer service. ***Fernco fittings are not permitted at this connection point.***
- All connections to the sewer system MUST BE inspected by the LTMUA. Inspections may be scheduled Monday-Friday, 8:00am through 3:00 pm and Saturdays, 8:00am through 12:00pm. **Inspections must be scheduled 48-hours in advance by contacting the office.**
If a connection is made to the sewer system without an LTMUA inspection, the applicant will be charged a \$100.00 fee for the first offense and any thereafter.
- **No sump pumps, roof drains or yard drains may be tied into the sewer lateral.**

The LTMUA is not permitted to recommend plumbers to customers. There are numerous businesses in our local phone directories and you can research area plumbers online as well. We think it is a good idea to converse with your neighbors to get their opinions and reviews on local plumbers. Remember that each property is different, so there is no universally standard cost for the services of a plumber for this work.

You will begin to receive a sewer billing once you physically connect to the new sewer system OR by March 1, 2025 if not connected prior. The minimum residential sewer service charge is currently \$320.00 per year.

The LTMUA will assist you to make this transition as smooth as possible. Should you have any questions please call the Administrative Office at 609-886-7146 extension 3, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.