



Warrington Township Water & Sewer Department  
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GUIDELINES FOR HOUSE SEWER LATERALS

1. The sewer system is designed to accommodate the first floor elevation. It may be necessary to alter interior plumbing to maintain the required grade.
2. Lateral depths, as shown on the cut sheet, are approximate. The plumber shall uncover the end of the lateral prior to performing work in the house connection.
3. A four inch plug is installed at the end of the lateral. This plug shall not be removed unless a representative of the Township Sewer Department is present.
4. Piping material for house lateral may be either service weight cast iron pipe or SDR 35 PVC pipe. PVC pipe shall be bedded in a minimum of 6" of AASHTO No. 8 stone aggregate surrounding the pipe. Installation of magnetic locating tape in the trench is required for PVC pipe. AASHTO No. 8 stone is a mix of fine (small) stones all less than 1/2" in diameter.
5. Pipe may not be bridged or supported by blocks. If the operator overdigs the trench or if bedrock is encountered, crushed stone must be installed to bring the ditch up to pipe grade.
6. The pipe will be treated with a 10 foot head of water, or a five (5) psi air test. Time of test period will be 15 minutes.
7. Backfill shall be good soil, with no large rocks, for approximately two (2) feet. At this point a more course backfill may be used, but still no large rocks.
8. Septic tanks and cesspools must be pumped out and filled with backfill from your house lateral trench.
9. A homeowner may connect his own house lateral (residence) or he may choose to use a registered master plumber.
10. Only a registered master plumber may connect any other residence (rental properties, etc.), commercial, or industrial buildings.
11. A sewer connection permit must be taken out (\$125.00 fee) before work can begin.
12. If requested, a Sewer Department Representative will mark the location of the sewer lateral.
13. It is recommended the plumber request a copy of the cut sheet to reaffirm and depth of the lateral.