

Construction Services News

Water and Sewer Lines

Installation by a Home Owner

For your safety, please remember to hire licensed contractors.

As a reminder to our customers, Section 5-105.1 of the City of Tampa Code requires that a permit be obtained when a homeowner installs or repairs a sanitary sewer line or installs a new water service to a residence.

Sewer Service Information

The installation of a new sewer and replacing or rerouting an existing sewer requires a minimum three inch sewer pipe. A two way clean out tee must also be placed in line with the city tap and one must be installed every 100 feet. Additionally, a test tee, used for cleaning the system, must be located at the house.

A test ball is to be placed into the two-way clean out tee at the tap. The entire system is to be filled with water for the water test on the system prior to the arrival of the inspector. If you use schedule 40 or thin wall PVC pipes and fittings, use purple primer and regular PVC glue. Test balls and pumps can be rented from local plumbing suppliers.

Water Service Information

Water services (minimum size 3/4 inch) must be installed a minimum of 12 inches below finish grade. They must be connected to the water meter and house shut-off valve at the time of inspection. The water must be turned on and the ditch open prior to calling for an inspection. If a water meter location is being relocated from the rear of the residence to the front, the original inlet should be utilized for the new connection. PVC schedule 40 pipe and fittings are best utilized for this application, and purple primer and regular glue are to be used.

If you have any questions on either application, please contact the Construction Services Division at (813) 274-3100.

Please remember that under the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 445.228, homeowners face penalties for hiring unlicensed contractors.



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