



BUILDING and SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Requirements for Connection to Public Sewer and Abandonment of Private Sewage Disposal System (Septic and Cesspool Systems)

The City of Murrieta Building and Safety Department receives numerous inquiries daily regarding the need for permits. We have found that many residents are unaware permits are required for most construction projects, such as, alterations, additions, demolitions, conversions and utility connections. In addition, separate permits are usually necessary for plumbing, electrical and mechanical work.

When a resident chooses to make connection to a public sewer system, a permit is required and must be obtained from the Building and Safety Department prior to the commencement of work.

The applicant (owner or licensed contractor) shall make application for a sewer connection permit, pay appropriate fees (approximately \$200.00), begin the work and obtain all required inspections (see below for inspection information).

When work is completed and ready for inspection, the owner/contractor or their duly authorized representative is responsible for verifying all work is complete prior to requesting an inspection.

Inspection requests may be made by calling (951) 461-6050, by faxing a request on our Fax Request Form to (951) 461-6097, or by e-mailing the request through the "Inspection Request" link at <http://www.murrieta.org/dev/building/insreq.asp>. Inspectors may generally be reached in the office between 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. to discuss issues or arrange special inspection times or set appointments.

Required Building Sewer Service (from House to Street) Inspection:

Shall be made after trenches are dug, piping is in place, and the appropriate tests are applied. The owner/contractor is responsible for supplying the inspector with an accurate as-built drawing showing the location of the sewer line and cleanouts. This inspection must be done before any piping is covered or trenches back filled. In addition to above, an inspection(s) is required showing abandonment of your private sewer system. The last inspection will be a final when all work is complete and covered.

If you have questions regarding any type of permits and requirements, stop by the Building and Safety Department counter from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. City Hall is closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Staff is also available for telephone assistance at (951) 304-CITY (2489) during normal business hours.

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