

By law, all properties are required to connect to the newly installed sanitary sewer system by the specified deadline. There will be no exceptions. The following overview has been provided to assist you in completing the connection process. For questions regarding this process contact the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering (FCSE) Permits Desk at 614-525-4757.

1. A qualified contractor who is approved by the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to work on sewer systems is required to connect the property to the sanitary sewer system and to decommission the septic tank. This may require two separate contractors although there may be some who work on both systems. The most current approved sewer contractor list can be found at: <https://ca.columbus.gov/CA/>. (Scroll down the page to "Contractor Search." On the next page, search under the License Type drop down menu, select "Sewer/Cont" or "Sewer Contractor" and click the SEARCH button). This will generate a list of all contractors with a valid license. Any list contractor is allowed to perform the work. You may also request the list be emailed to you by contacting FCSE.
2. Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) regulates the abandonment of septic tanks. You will be required to coordinate an inspection with FCPH to ensure the septic tank was abandoned properly. They are located on the same floor as FCSE at 280 East Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please make sure the proper forms and permits are obtained. (See item 5 below.) For more information, call 614-525-3160 or email fcph@franklincountyohio.gov.
3. We encourage you to obtain at least three (3) separate quotes and consider teaming with your neighbors to obtain a group quote from a contractor that will help reduce costs.
4. Plumbing code states there must be a minimum of 10 feet between your sewer lateral and any water service. Your contractor may provide additional information.
 - a. You must apply for a sanitary sewer permit with FCSE (See item 2 for address).
 - b. You must file in person. Alternatively, your contractor may file on your behalf; however, we must have a letter from you stating that they have your permission to act on your behalf.
 - c. You must have your septic system abandonment form at the time you apply for the sanitary sewer permit. This is obtained from FCPH. They are located in the same building as FCSE (See item 2 for address).
 - d. It is assumed that all residences are on County water. If so, a water meter reading will be taken at the time of the sewer lateral inspection for billing purposes



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- 5. Full payment of the capacity fee and permit/inspection fee is required at the time of obtaining the permit. Check or cash are the only payment methods accepted. Please make checks payable to: Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering.**

The summary of Fees are as follows:

Description Fees	Fees
Capacity Fee	\$3,348
Permit/Inspection Fee	\$85
TOTAL FEES	\$3,433

If you believe you may qualify for financial assistance, please contact Benjamin Amick with Amick Municipal Consulting Group, LLC at 614-282-2959 or benjamin@amickconsulting.com for more information.

- 6.** At the appropriate time, your contractor will coordinate with FCSE to inspect the installation of the sanitary sewer lateral and to read your water meter. Access will be required to both the outside and inside of your home to complete the inspection. A separate inspection may be needed for your septic tank abandonment through FCPH.
- 7.** Billing for sanitary sewer services will be handled by Franklin County. If you are an existing water customer, sanitary sewer will be added to your existing account. Please visit our website (<http://cleanwater.franklincountyohio.gov/>) for current water and sanitary sewer billing rates. For questions regarding billing and rates please call 614-525-3940 to speak with a customer service representative.