

Inflow & Infiltration Program - FAQs

Since 2001, Burlington has been under an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) from MassDEP which established a moratorium on new connections to the Sewer.

Originally the Town was authorized by MassDEP to create a “Sewer Bank” required any developer seeking to connect to the Town’s system to conduct the 10:1 removal in order to obtain a new sewer connection.

In the 2006 amended ACO (#ACO-NE-06-1N001) - DEP recognizes Town’s “considerable progress” in eliminating I/I from sewer revised the removal ratio for I/I removal down to a 4-1 ratio.

Town’s Sewer Allocation policy

- Revised through April 11, 2016
- Board of Selectmen must issue sewer allocation permits greater than 50,000 gpd.
- Sewer flow rates shall be determined based on MassDEP guidelines as established under current Title V: 310 CMR 15.00.
- Sewer allocation not used for 7 years shall be returned to Sewer Bank.
- Sewer allocations are not transferable between properties.
- Sewer allocation being purchased from the Town must shall be paid prior to the issuance of a Building Permit
- Applicants seeking more than 1000 gpd may only purchase up to ½ allocation and mitigate the balance.
- Current established cost per gallon is \$2.50.
- Removal ratio is 5:1. (4-1 ratio approved by the MassDEP and 1 additional gallon for the Town Sewer Bank).
- Bedroom(s) additions to existing homes shall be charged a rate of \$500* per bedroom.
- Existing single-family homes converting from a private onsite sewerage disposal system for property owners residing in the home 10 or more years and 55 years of age or older shall be charged a flat fee of \$1000

Examples for calculating fees

Formula

$\# \text{Bedrooms} \times 110 \text{ (gallons/bedroom)} \times \$2.50 \times 5 \text{ (Removal Ratio)}$

Existing house was demolished

$\text{Number of bedrooms in house being demolished} = 3$

$\text{Number of bedrooms in newly constructed house} = 5$

$\text{Required sewer allocation} = (5b \times 110g) - (3b \times 110g) = 220 \text{ gallons required}$
 $\$2.50 \times 5 \times 220 = \$2,750$

New houses

$1 \text{ Home} - 4 \text{ Bedrooms} = 1h \times 4b \times 110g = 440 \text{ gallons required}$

$\$2.50 \times 5 \times 440 = \$5,500$

*Sewer Allocation FAQs
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