

I/I FAQs

Since 1986, Burlington has been under an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) from MassDEP which established a moratorium on new connections to the Sewer.

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.

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 thru December 13, 2010
- Board of Selectmen must issues sewer allocation permits greater than 499 gallons.
- 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.
- Applicants seeking more that 1000 gpd may only purchase ½ allocation, must mitigate balance.
- Current established cost per gallon is \$2.25.
- Bedroom(s) additions to existing homes shall be charged a rate of \$500* per bedroom.
- Removal ratio is 5:1. (4-1 ratio approved by the MassDEP and 1 additional gallon for the Town Sewer Bank).

Examples for calculating fees

Formula

#Bedrooms x 110 (gallons/bedroom)x \$2.25 x 5 (Removal Ratio)

Existing house was demolished

Number of bedrooms in house being demolished = 3

Number of bedrooms in newly constructed house = 5

*Required sewer allocation = (5b x 110g) – (3b x 110g) = 220 gallons required
\$2.25 x 5 x 220 = \$2,475*

New houses

*1 Home - 4 Bedrooms = 1h x 4b x 110g = 440 gallons required
\$2.25 x 5 x 440 = \$4,950*