

Plumber's Responsibilities

The plumber will obtain a plumbing permit from Bernalillo County Building and Zoning. The plumber should provide you with a copy of the permit.

The plumber then needs to call for plumbing inspections. Three inspections are required.

- 1 After the line is connected to the stub at the property line, but prior to connection at the home.
- 2 After the line is connected to the home.
- 3 The plumber is also required to call for a tank abandonment inspection from the Bernalillo County Environmental Health Section (314-0310) and follow the instructions listed on page 3.

The plumber should provide you with a copy of all approval tags. Contact Bernalillo County Building and Zoning (314-0350) if you have any questions concerning your plumber.

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How to Do-It-Yourself Homeowner's Permit

A homeowner can install the yard line and abandon the septic tank by following these steps:

- 1 Establish a sewer account with the City of Albuquerque.
- 2 Take and pass the Homeowner's Plumbing Test held at Bernalillo County Building and Zoning (314-0350, 111 Union Square SE) on Mondays at 8:00 AM. The cost to take the test is \$10.
- 3 Apply for a plumbing permit at Bernalillo County Building and Zoning, conduct the associated work and call for the appropriate inspections.
- 4 Abandon the septic tank and call for the appropriate inspections.

For more specific information on the permits and the associated work, please see the information on page 3.

Bernalillo County Public Works Division 2400 Broadway Blvd. SE > 848-1500
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Bernalillo County Building and Zoning 111 Union Square SE > 314-0350
City of Albuquerque Wastewater Division 4201 2 nd St. SW > 873-6200

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Sewer Groundwater Protection Project

Coors 8, 9 & 10 Sanitary Sewer Project

Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM
Polk Middle School, 2220 Raymac SW

Construction Begins

Start Date: Late June 2004
Duration: Approximately 15 months

For over 400 years, inhabitants have used the Rio Grande Valley as a source of food and water and for disposal of their wastewater. As the population of the valley grew and changed, the water supply has been severely tested. Today in the South Valley, we are faced with significant environmental threats, especially groundwater pollution.

Program History

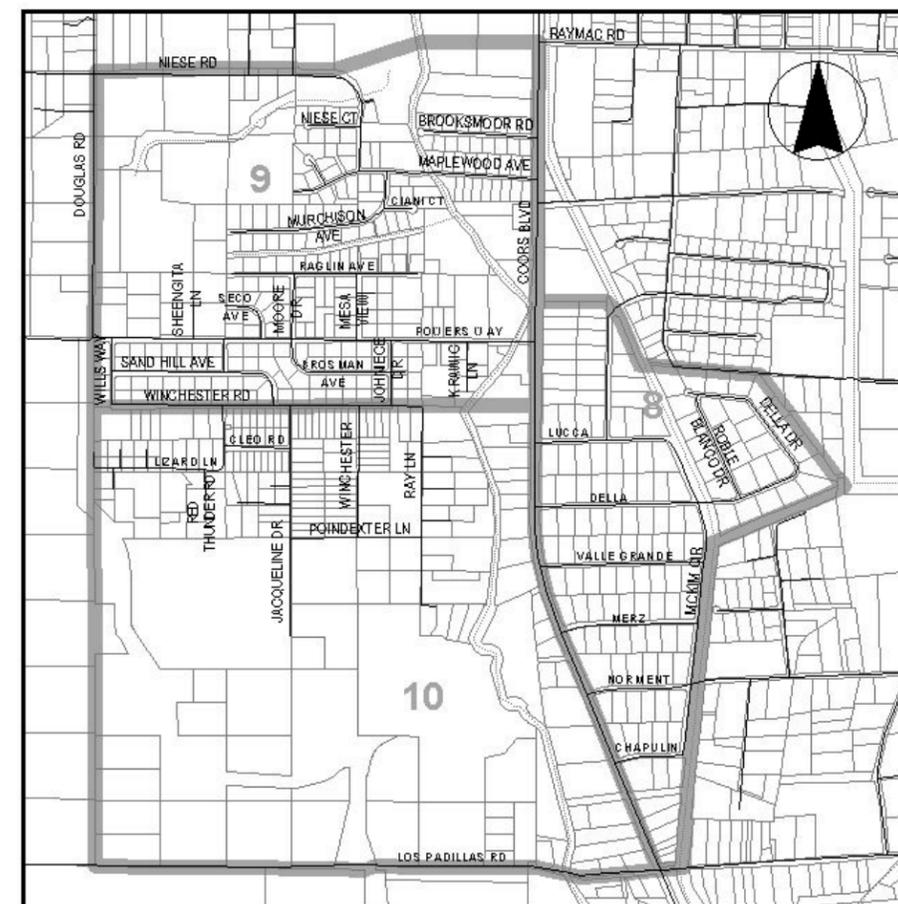
In 1993, government officials began a major effort to sewer the entire valley. To date, this groundwater protection program has included significant State and Federal legislative funding for Bernalillo County. This sewer project continues toward the goal of complete sewer coverage of the South Valley.

Several planning studies and investigations have been completed for this program. Significant to present-day and future work was a planning study completed in 1994 for the City of Albuquerque. This investigation divided the unsewered portions of the South Valley into areas. From this study, a prioritized list of projects based upon need and cost was then recommended.

To date, the City and County have completed or are constructing sewer lines in several South Valley areas.

Today's Project

Coors 8, 9 & 10 - Previous engineering studies have prioritized construction needs for sewers required to service the South Valley Coors area. The Coors 8, 9 & 10 areas were identified as high priority areas and sewer construction is scheduled to begin in June 2004. Properties in area 8, expect for those on Acequia Dr, currently have sewer service.



During this project, the sewage from these properties will be redirected to the new Coors 8, 9 & 10 Vacuum Station from the Los Padillas Vacuum Station. The change will involve redirecting a main sewer line. Properties in areas 9 & 10 will have new sewer service and Acequia Drive in area 8 will be included in the Polk 6 & 7 Project.

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Homeowners living in the impacted areas are required to connect to the new sewer lines.

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We look forward to preserving our precious groundwater for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

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Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 2nd, 6:00 PM at Polk Middle School
Si necesita está boletín de información en Español por favor llama a RCRP 277-8526

Financial Assistance Available

Bernalillo County PIPE Program - Veronica Carrillo 848-1524

The Bernalillo County Public Works Division, under the direction of the Bernalillo County Commission, can provide financial assistance through the PIPE program (Partners in Improvement and Protection of the Environment).

The PIPE Program is funded through the Environmental Services Gross Receipts Tax adopted by the County Commission in 1991 and through funds provided by the New Mexico Legislature. PIPE is dedicated to providing assistance to low-income home owners to assure them access to safe liquid waste disposal. The assistance is available to all homeowners who reside within the County and meet the financial needs criteria.

PIPE

Partners in Improvement & Protection of the Environment can help you by paying up to \$3,500 per household toward the following costs:

- 1 PLUMBING FEES for stub-out connections (NOT upgrades inside the residence)
- 2 SEPTIC TANKS installation, upgrade, or replacement

Financial Help

You must own a home that is located in Bernalillo County and you must have lived there for one year or more. In the case of a trailer home, you must be the owner of both the trailer and the lot.

Qualifications

You must have on your property a liquid waste system that has been determined by the Bernalillo County Environmental Health Section to pose an existing or potential threat to public health.

- 1 Any septic tank where sewer service is available is considered a threat and therefore qualifies.
- 2 County Ordinance 2000-7 mandates that you connect if your property is within 200 feet of a public sewer line.
- 3 You must be qualified as low income based on federal HUD Section 8 income limits. (See income guidelines list)

El Paisano Program (344-7211)

The City of Albuquerque charges a Utility Expansion Charge (UEC) to connect to the sewer system (see article on page 3 for more information). If you cannot afford the UEC fees, El Paisano offers waivers to cover the cost of the fees. Waivers are based upon financial need and are offered on a first-come first-serve basis.

Information about Financial Assistance will be presented at a Public Meeting:

Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM
Polk Middle School, 2220 Raymac SW
Construction starts June 2004 and will last ~15 months.

Documentation Required

Proof of ownership such as a current property tax notice, deed of house with legal description and property address, or; in the case of a trailer home, deed of trailer and deed of lot is required. Proof of income from ALL income-earning members of the household (tax returns, and Social Security Award letters of retirement statements) will also be required.

INCOME GUIDELINES

You qualify for Financial Assistance if your Household income is below:

- 1-Member family > 30,350/year
- 2-Member family > 34,700/year
- 3-Member family > 39,000/year
- 4-Member family > 43,350/year
- 5-Member family > 46,850/year
- 6-Member family > 50,300/year
- 7-Member family > 53,750/year
- 8-Member family > 57,250/year

Homeowner's Responsibilities

Once the sewer system is completed and ready for use, you will be notified. In order to connect and use the system, you will need to do the following:

- 1 **Establish a sewer account with the City of Albuquerque.**
Before connecting to the new sewer system, homeowners must establish a sewer account with the City of Albuquerque (see article to right). The City charges fees to pay for maintenance of the sewer mains and the waste water treatment plant.
- 2 **Connect your house to the sewer.**
Work may be done by a licensed plumber or you may do it yourself (see the "How to Do-It-Yourself" section on page four). The plumber must run a sewer line from the house or business to the sewer stub located at the property line. If plumbers need to work in the Bernalillo County right-of-way, they must also have a permit from the Bernalillo County Public Works Division (848-1500, 2400 Broadway SE).
- 3 **Obtain a permit and inspection from Bernalillo County Building and Zoning.**
Your plumber must go to Bernalillo County Building and Zoning (314-0350, 111 Union Square SE), complete an application for connection, and pay a \$37.50 permit fee. When the plumber is ready to make the connection to the sewer stub, Bernalillo County Building and Zoning must come and inspect the plumbing work. The plumber will handle this inspection; however, it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that it is inspected.
- 4 **Abandon your septic tank.**
Twenty-four hours prior to abandoning your septic tank, call the Bernalillo County Environmental Health Section (314-0310, 111 Union Square SE) to schedule an inspection. To abandon your septic tank, you must disconnect your septic tank, have all contents pumped out, crush the tank lid, and fill the tank with dirt, sand or gravel. After the work is complete, an inspection must be completed by Environmental Health Section.

Establishing a Sewer Account

Before connection to the new sewer system, homeowners are required to establish a sewer account with the City of Albuquerque. The following information is necessary when applying for service:

- 1 **Applicant must be legal property owner,**
- 2 **Bring property tax notice,**
- 3 **Bring correct property address,**
- 4 **Bring legal description of property.**

Utility Expansion Charge (UEC) (924-3920)

The Utility Expansion Charge is \$1200 for a home connecting to city sewer. There is also a monthly sewer bill of approximately \$15 to \$20.

Application for a sewer account must be made at the City Public Works Department, located at the Plaza Del Sol Building 600 2nd St. NW, ground floor, west entrance. If you have any questions regarding establishing a sewer account, please call City Customer Service at 924-3920.

City Loan Program (924-3920)

Rather than paying the full \$1,200 UEC fees at the time you apply for service, the City offers a loan program to every applicant. It includes a \$60 down payment and monthly payments of \$13.24 for ten years (7% interest rate).

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