

Mason County is conducting a utilities survey

Beginning the week of February 22, 2010, a county contractor (Engineering Services Associates, Inc.) will be visiting each property along the new wastewater system alignment to confirm the location of existing septic and utility connections. We need to confirm the location of utilities on your property to better understand where your current sewer connection is in relation to the planned side sewer stub for your property (see “*What is a side sewer stub*” at right for more information). The goal of the survey is to optimize the location of side sewer stubs in order to make construction of side sewers as easy as possible.

What you can expect

- A representative from Engineering Services Associates, Inc. will visit your property to confirm the location of current utilities.
- The Engineers will introduce themselves when they arrive.
- The survey should only take a few minutes.
- We will not need access to the inside of your home.

What happens next?

- The information that we collect will be used to confirm the location of side sewer stubs.
- The county will be in touch within the next few months to provide you the information you will need to begin planning for the construction of your side sewer.
- Properties within 500 feet of the new wastewater system alignment will be required to connect to the new sewer. As a reminder, each property is responsible for building their side sewer (see back side for more information).

What is a side sewer stub?

All properties required to hook into the system will have a “stub” at their parcel line to build into. Each location of a stub is property-dependent. Generally speaking, locations were selected based upon location of nearby underground utilities, driveways, etc. Property owners will need to build side sewers from their building to the stub at their property line.

Property owners will be able to contract and build their own side sewers – contracting through licensed businesses and building to codes. A permit and inspection will be required by Mason County.

Who needs to connect to the new sewer system?

Property owners within 500 feet of the proposed sewer alignment will be required to hook into the system as it becomes available (per Mason County Ordinance 91-07). If tying into the sewer system is applicable to your property, you should have received a letter with details about your hookup. If you have questions, please call the project hotline at 360-801-2482.

Questions or concerns?

- Please call our 24-hour hotline: 360-801-2482
- Visit our Web site: www.masoncountywastewater.com

To be added to our e-mail list and receive weekly construction updates, send an e-mail to: info@masoncountywastewater.com



Costs of hooking into the system

Mason County is currently determining how much it will cost property owners to connect to the new wastewater system. In general, connection fees will be based on Equivalent Residential Units (ERU). A single family home is typically considered one ERU. The current estimate for connection fees is \$3,200 - \$5,000 per ERU.

Additionally, property owners will need to pay for the construction of their side sewers. These costs are property dependent and will vary, but on average property owners can expect to pay approximately \$3,000 for construction of their side sewer.

Mason County continues to seek possible financing options for those who will be required to hook up to the sewer utility.

What is the Belfair Wastewater and Water Reclamation Facilities Project?

Construction is underway on the new wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities in Belfair. This project will convert septic systems within key areas of the Belfair Urban Growth Area to an environmentally-friendly, county-operated sewer utility. These wastewater facilities are needed to provide a sustainable approach to water management that protects Hood Canal and treats wastewater to Class A standards for water reuse. Reuse of treated wastewater provides the highest and best use of local resources and protects Hood Canal. On a long-term basis the project will support the backbone for urban infrastructure in Belfair as mandated by the Growth Management Act.

