

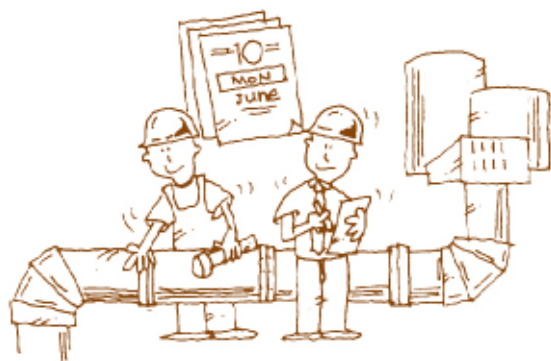
(b) for premises subject to the control of the Buildings Ordinance and in Developed Areas in the New Territories (i.e. 'A' Zone on the Zonal Plan for calculation of Compensation Rates):

- fulfil requirement in (a) above, and seek approval from the relevant District Lands Officer before commencing any construction work that falls within government land.

(c) all premises including New Territories exempted houses where a Certificate of Exemption of drainage works has been issued under the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance:

- carry out the construction work in accordance with the notice.

3. When the construction is completed, the government will inspect the terminal manhole and other drainage work, and then connect the terminal manhole to the public sewer.



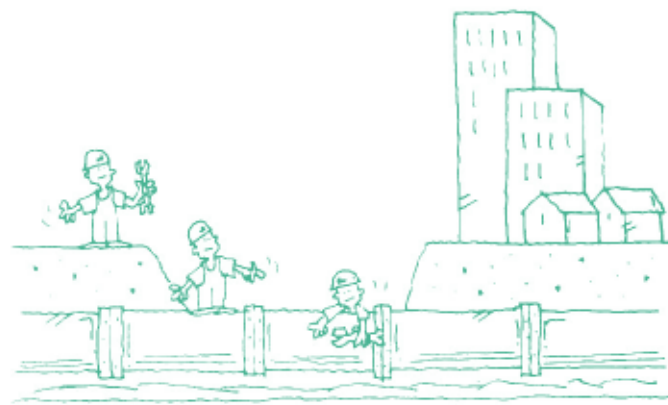
4. After that, the owner of the premises will need to divert all his waste water into the terminal manhole by a specified date.
5. Lastly, the owner is to remove or seal up all pipes leading to the treatment facility on site which is no longer in use.

The owner of the premises will need to maintain the terminal manhole and any pipe work leading from the premises to the terminal manhole.

Who Will Pay for the Connections?

The owner of the premises is to construct and pay for the terminal manhole and any pipe work leading from the premises to the terminal manhole.

The government will provide and pay for the new public sewers and the sewer linking the terminal manhole to the public sewers.



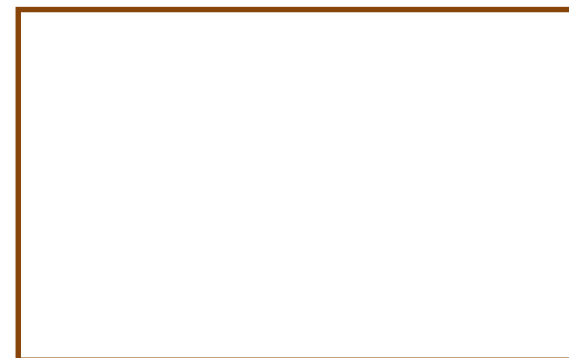
For enquiries, please contact the Regional Offices at:

Regional Office (East): 5/F., Nan Fung Commercial Centre, 19 Lam Lok Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Tel. No.: 2755 5518)

Regional Office (South): 2/F., Chinachem Exchange Square, 1 Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong (Tel. No.: 2516 1718)

Regional Office (West): 8/F., Tsuen Wan Government Offices, 38 Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories (Tel. No.: 2417 6116)

Regional Office (North): 10/F., Shatin Government Offices, No.1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Shatin, New Territories (Tel. No.: 2158 5757)



CONNECTIONS TO SEWERS

Under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance



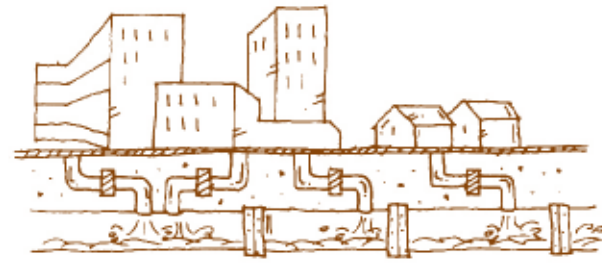
Why Connect to Sewers?

Waste water, which may pollute the environment and harm your health, should be collected and treated before it is discharged. The most effective and reliable way to dispose of waste water is by connecting to public sewers leading to government treatment plants.

Major benefits of connecting to public sewers are:

- (a) Safer and healthier living conditions;
- (b) A halt to pollution caused by malfunctioning treatment facilities on site;
- (c) No further need to operate, maintain and monitor treatment facilities on site;
- (d) Easier compliance with pollution control legislation.

The government has plans to provide new sewers and improve existing public sewers in the territory. Most premises that are not currently served by public sewers will gradually be provided with one. Under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance, the



government may send a notice to the owner of certain premises requiring that all waste water produced from the premises be conveyed to a specified location, the terminal manhole, for connection to the public sewer when one is available. It is an offence not to comply with the requirements in a notice. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$100,000 and a daily fine of \$5,000 if the offence is proved to be continued. In addition, the government may carry out the works on behalf of the owner and recover the costs from him.

note

“owner” in relation to any land, also includes-

- (a) where the land is government land that is held under a licence or tenancy directly from the government, the licensee or tenant; and
- (b) where the land is government land that is occupied unlawfully or without authorization of the government, the occupier of such land. Sewerage connections would not in any way legalize any unlawful or unauthorized occupation of government land.



How Will Connections be Made?

General procedure for connection is as follows:

1. The government will send a notice to the owner of the premises, listing out:
 - (a) the position of the terminal manhole;
 - (b) the specifications of the terminal manhole;
 - (c) the date by which the terminal manhole and other pipe work for conveying waste water must be completed;
 - (d) the date by which all waste water has to be conveyed to the terminal manhole;



- (e) the date by which pipe work which is no longer in use will need to be removed or sealed up; and
- (f) any other requirements as appropriate.



2. After receiving the notice, the owner of the premises will need to:
 - (a) for premises subject to the control of the Buildings Ordinance:
 - (i) employ an authorized person (i.e. an architect, engineer or surveyor registered under the Buildings Ordinance) to prepare plans of the terminal manhole and other pipe work;
 - (ii) employ a private contractor registered under the Buildings Ordinance to carry out the construction work; and
 - (iii) ensure that the terminal manhole and other drainage work should be constructed to the standards laid down in the Building Regulations.