

**CITY OF CENTRALIA**  
**SIDE SEWER REGULATIONS (partial list)**

Taken from Ordinance Centralia Municipal Code, Chapter 15.10

1. Any work, including installation, replacement and repair, on the sanitary side sewer requires an inspection permit. This must be obtained - in advance of the work - from the Public Works Department at 1100 North Tower Avenue.
2. Inspection permit fees:

*Single-family dwelling:	\$ 50.00
*Multiple-family dwelling:	\$ 75.00
*Commercial/Industrial:	\$100.00
*I & I Rehabilitation:	No charge - must be approved by Utilities
*After hours or holiday Inspections:	\$100.00
*Re-Inspection:	\$ 50.00
*Grinder pump – Residential	\$100.00
*Grinder pump – Commercial	\$150.00
*Replacement/abandonment	\$ 50.00
3. For inspection, call the Public Works Office at (360) 330-7512. Inspections will be made 8:00 A.M. - Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
4. "Side Sewer" means that part of the horizontal piping of a drainage system which extends from the end of the building drain and which receives the discharge of the building drain and conveys it to a public sewer, private sewer, individual sewage disposal system or other point of disposal.
5. All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection, operation and maintenance and replacement of the side sewer shall be borne by the owner.
6. Pipes acceptable for side sewers: polyvinyl chloride (PVC) ASTM D 3034, SDR equals 35; cast iron soil pipe, federal spec. WWP - 401; ductile iron, ANSI A 21.51, thickness class 51. Not acceptable for side sewer: black ABS pipe, glued joint pipes, glued fittings.
7. Side sewer for single family dwelling shall be no less than 4" diameter from dwelling to property line and 6" from property line to public sewer. All multiple family, commercial and industrial side sewer lines shall be no less than 6" diameter. Each building must have a separate side sewer.
8. No 90° bends allowed.
9. A cleanout is required within 36" of all buildings and at intervals of not more than 100 feet. Cleanouts located at the property line may be capped at the lateral or within 18" of the surface after testing has been witnessed by a City representative.
10. Backwater Valves - The Uniform Plumbing Code requires backwater valves on building sewers where the finished floor is below the rim of the upstream manhole. Backwater valves, if they are installed, must be located within the building footprint upstream of the cleanout. The City is not responsible for their installation, maintenance, or operation.
11. Lines shall be laid on uniform slope not less than 1/4" per foot for 4" pipe and 1/8" per foot for 6" pipe. Pipe shall be bedded in and covered with suitable fine material. Alignment of both vertical and horizontal shall be straight and true.
12. Minimum cover for side sewers shall be 18" of private property.
13. Side sewer shall be water or air tested for their entire length. Inspection of the test must be witnessed by a Public Works employee before backfill (see #3). (See paragraph 15.10.210, Centralia Municipal Code, Chapter 15.10 for details.)
14. City staff has 24 hours to make inspection.
15. Demolished or removed buildings. The property owner or contractor shall notify the City of such work, obtain an abandonment permit from the Public Works Department at 1100 North Tower Avenue and shall expose and plug the side sewer connection of such structure at the property line in accordance with the requirements found in the City of Centralia's Design and Development Guidelines. A City of Centralia Wastewater Collections Department inspector must observe and document all abandonments. Obtaining an abandonment permit does not relinquish the right to a future connection.

**Any questions regarding the above regulations may be directed to the Public Works Office by calling (360) 330-7512.**