



Septic Tank Conversion Loan Program Frequently Asked Questions



How do I connect to public sewer?

Public sewer availability depends on where your property is located in the County.

Here are the 4 steps to connect to public sewer:

1. Check if public sewer is available.
2. Pay the sewer impact fees.
3. Abandon the existing septic system on your property with the help of a contractor.
4. Connect your property to public sewer with the help of a contractor.

Is public sewer available to my property? If so, is financing available?

Contact Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD) Development Services to discuss public sewer availability and the nearest connection point to your property. Call 916-876-LOAN (5626) or email SDALoanPrograms@sacsewer.com. If there is an existing service lateral to your property, it may reduce your sewer construction cost.

See question below regarding Septic Tank Conversion Loan Program for more information on financing, or visit www.regionalsan.com/septic-tank-conversion-loan-program.

What are the sewer impact fees to connect to public sewer?

SASD provides the local sewage service, and Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) provides ultimate conveyance and treatment before discharge to the river.

SASD and Regional San may require sewer impact fee payments in accordance with each District's Ordinances. Fees are to be paid prior to the issuance of building permits. They are based on the location and size of your property. Contact the Permit Services Unit (PSU) at 916-876-6100 for sewer impact fee information.

How do I abandon my existing septic system?

Contact the County's Environmental Management Division (EMD) to obtain information on how to abandon your existing septic system. They might be able to recommend a reputable contractor and give you an estimate for the cost to abandon your existing septic system. The contractor would then abandon the existing system per EMD or County standards.

The contacts for EMD's Septic Team are Thomas Vohoska (916-875-8576) or Jack Bellan (916-876-7560). EMD might have permit or application fees for abandoning the existing septic system. They could also contact SASD Development Services to discuss public sewer availability.

What is the sewer construction cost?

Contact a licensed contractor to get a cost estimate for constructing your sewer connection to public sewer.

How do I know a contractor is not “ripping me off”?

Ask for a bid from two or three contractors to see if they are comparable. Always check what is included in the scope of work.

What is the Septic Tank Conversion Loan Program?

The Septic Tank Conversion Loan Program provides low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 for property owners currently on septic systems who want to connect to the public sewer system. The costs for the septic system abandonment and sewer construction to connect to public sewer can be covered by the program.

The loan term is 5 years, and the County’s Consolidated Utilities Billing and Service (CUBS) collects and processes the payments for the loan.

Are there any grants available for septic conversion?

Not at this time.

Who should I contact with any additional questions or concerns?

Please contact 916-876-LOAN (5626) or email SDALoanPrograms@sacsewer.com.