

Connecting to pressure sewer

Know your costs

The most important considerations for all property owners who have the opportunity to connect to the pressure sewer system are how much it will cost and how long it will take. The cost of installation is slightly different for each property due to different ground conditions.

What we (South East Water) pay for - installation of the following:

- A pressure sewer pipe network.
- A OneBox® control unit
- An inground tank and electrical pump
- A boundary kit just inside your property boundary
- A property service line.

What you (the Property Owner) pay for

- Backlog Sewerage Tariff Fee (regardless of whether you choose to connect).
- Plumbing costs to connect your existing plumbing to the inground tank and pump unit.
- Decommissioning your existing septic tank (e.g. demolishing or backfilling).
- Ongoing sewerage service and sewage disposal charges.

Competitive quotes

Our licensed contractors can provide competitive quotes to connect your existing plumbing to the sewer. You are welcome to obtain quotes from your own licensed plumber and compare them to South East Water's contractor.

Payment Options

Customers who choose to connect to the Guys Hill Pressure Sewer Scheme using our contractor, Priority Plumbing, have the option to pay off the costs of connecting existing plumbing to the inground pump and tank unit interest free over 12 months. This is only available via direct debit, via fortnightly or monthly payments which would incorporate all South East Water fees and charges. A further term of 5 years at 3.80 percent interest is also available (conditions apply). Hardship grants are available to cover plumbing costs of the home connection to eligible customers. To apply, customers are required to obtain an application form from the Department of Human Services.

Summary of the costs

Name	Who pays	Costs
Backlog Sewerage Tarrif Fee	All properties classified as Backlog Sewerage lots within the scheme boundary, regardless of whether you choose to connect.	\$2500 levied over 5 years (\$125 per quarter over 5 years) included in your South East Water bill.
Connection costs to your house plumbing (by your Licensed Plumber)	The property owner - only if you choose to connect.	Connection of household wastewater pipe to the pressure sewer connection point and decommissioning of the existing septic tank. Costs will vary depending upon plumbing conditions. Paid to your licensed plumber.
Ongoing costs Sewer Disposal Charges	Paid by all property owners who connect. If a property is rented, the Sewer disposal charges will be charged to the tenant.	The sewage disposal charge is approximately \$50 to \$100 per quarter, subject to usage and is paid to South East Water by the person residing in the property (owner/tenant).
Ongoing costs Sewage Service Charges, which cover access to the sewerage system	The property owner – only if you chose to connect (even if property has tenants).	The sewage service charge is currently \$91.12 per quarter and is payable by the property owner.
Electricity supply for pump unit	Paid by the person residing in the property (owner/tenant).	The electricity supply for the pump unit is approximately \$30 to \$50 per year, subject to usage and paid to your electricity supplier.

More information about South East Water service charges is available at southeastwater.com.au