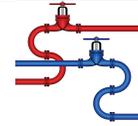


# Gallatin Gateway Water & Sewer District

Serving Gallatin Gateway since 2009

## Sewer Connections



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**Protecting public health by providing affordable, regulatory-compliant wastewater services to the Gallatin Gateway community.**

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### Project Update

The District has been working hard to clear a number of regulatory hurdles over the past few months, as it nears the final push to put the community's wastewater treatment project out for construction bids:

- The District completed an update to its wastewater project's Environmental Assessment (EA) in April. The amendment addressed the updated design for the force main pipeline from Gallatin Gateway to Four Corners Water & Sewer District's wastewater treatment plant at Elk Grove. The EA is a requirement for both USDA and Montana Department of Commerce (Community Development Block Grant – CDBG). After issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact, the Gallatin County Commissioners issued a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) for the District's CDBG grant, which was sent to the Department of Commerce in May. No comments were received during the County's 15-day public comment period, nor were any comments received during the second 15-day public comment period held by the Department of Commerce. On June 10, 2016, the Department of Commerce notified the District that it has removed all environmental and start-up conditions for the CDBG award for the Gallatin Gateway Wastewater Improvements project, and stated that once the project has satisfied all of the conditions of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), the project may proceed. A large portion of the CDBG grant is intended to help the community's low-to-moderate income residents pay a portion of the new sewer system. The District wishes to thank Gallatin Gateway resident Carol Lee-Roark, Senior Environmental Scientist with Sanderson Stewart, for her swift and thorough work on the EA amendment, enabling GGWSD to meet this important milestone.
- The District received approval from Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in May for the design and specs of the force main pipeline to the FCWSD treatment plant. The design and specs for the collection system in town remain the same, and were previously approved by MDEQ.
- The project's funding agencies are wrapping up their review of the engineer's design documents. District staff and its consultants have been holding bi-weekly conference calls with representatives from USDA, DNRC, TSEP and CDBG to discuss key milestones and ensure

timelines are effectively communicated. The agencies continue to be very supportive of the project.

- The District is currently working with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) on securing its highway use permit. District staff and Board members met with MDT twice in June, to discuss the appropriate alignment of the pipeline along Highway 191, so as not to impact the existing highway or any scheduled highway improvements. District staff and its consultants are working on providing additional information requested by MDT in the meetings in order to secure its permit.

Next steps before going out to bid are to finalize the pipeline route and secure the MDT permit. Once these are in place, the District can then finalize the project's funding package through public hearings and approval of bond resolutions.

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**JULY BOARD MEETING UPDATE:** Due to the July 4 holiday, the regular July meeting of the Board of Directors has been cancelled. A special meeting of the Board of Directors has been called for Monday, July 11, 2016, at 6:30 PM, to be held in the Board Room of the Gallatin Gateway School, 100 Mill Street, Gallatin Gateway, MT. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Quarterly newsletters are sent to all landowners in the District to keep them updated with activities of the sewer district, and are also available via email for all those interested in being on the distribution list. If you have tenants living in your property, or know of any renters currently residing within the District who would like to receive a copy of the quarterly newsletters, please email us at [customerservice@gatewaywsd.com](mailto:customerservice@gatewaywsd.com) and we will be happy to add those names to the distribution list.

The quarterly \$6.00/month Benefited Lot Charge invoice is enclosed for customers of the District. This charge covers general and administrative expenses of the District, not covered by loans and grants. It is applied on all platted lots in the District. It is not the same as a "sewer bill". Only properties with sewer connections will be charged for sewer service once the sewer project is complete. Payments received after the due date listed on the invoice are subject to a \$10 late fee, so please ensure your payments are mailed on time.

If you would like to receive your invoice & communications by email, please email your request to [customerservice@gatewaywsd.com](mailto:customerservice@gatewaywsd.com).

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**REMINDER:** GGWSD monthly Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room of the Gallatin Gateway School, 100 Mill Street, Gallatin Gateway. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted prior to each meeting at the Gallatin Gateway post office and are also posted on our website at [www.gatewaywsd.com](http://www.gatewaywsd.com). Approved meeting minutes are posted on the District's website, and can also be found on the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder Documents Page.

