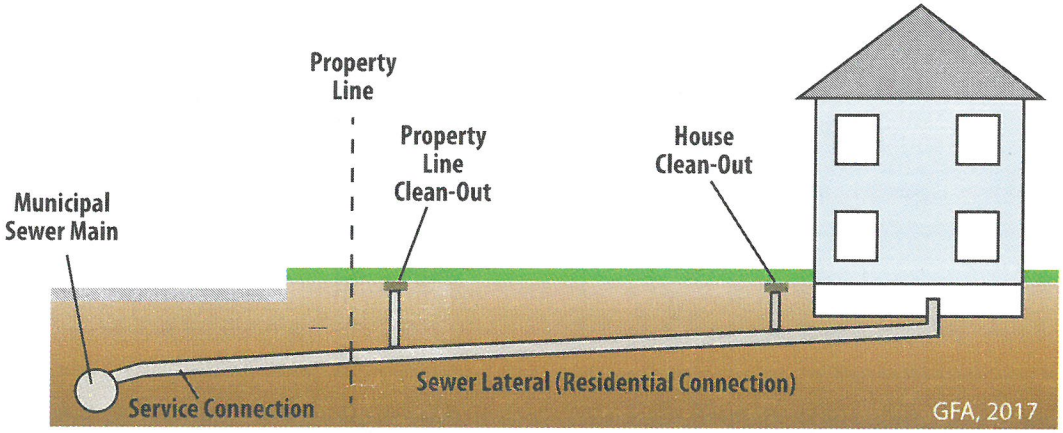
How to Connect Your Home to the Municipal Sewer System

Contact information:
Grand Traverse County
Dept. of Public Works (DPW)
2650 LaFranier Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

231-995-6039

http://www.co.grand-traverse.mi.us/



1 Apply for Service

Submit an application to the Grand Traverse County DPW for connection to sewer. A copy can be obtained from the DPW Office or printed from the website: https://tinyurl.com/gtcserviceapp

Permit/connection fees vary by township.

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2 Making the Connection

In most situations, the service lead from the municipal sewer main to the property line is installed; if not, then this will have to be installed at owner's expense. The owner is also responsible for hiring a professional contractor* to install a line from the service connection into the home.

It is strongly recommended that the owner retain the services of a licensed underground contractor to perform this work.
*Contractors are required to be bonded with the DPW.

Things to Know

You are responsible to comply with all local regulatory agencies. Check with the Building Department to see if a building permit is required. All connections require an inspection by authorized DPW personnel.

3 Call for Inspection

Contact the DPW to schedule an inspection and to witness the connection. A minimum of 48 hours advance notice is required for this inspection. Other agencies may also require inspections; please contact them directly.

4 Payment for Service

In addition to the connection fees you will begin receiving regular billings. Monthly charges vary by township and include ongoing operation and maintenance costs. The township rates are flat fees billed monthly; these rates vary by township. Your bill is due by the 20th of each month and must be paid in full by this date to avoid a penalty of 10% of the bill.

Help us take good care of our municipal system!

As a general rule, nothing should be flushed other than toilet paper, mild detergents and wash water.

DON'T flush dangerous or damaging substances. This includes, but is not limited to pharmaceuticals, excess amounts of bath or body oils, flammable or toxic products, household cleaners (especially rug cleaners), chlorine bleach, chlorides, pool or spa products and flushable wipes.
https://tinyurl.com/gtcpipes

DON'T ignore leaky plumbing fixtures; repair them. A leaky toilet can waste up to 2,000 gallons per day.

DON'T dig without knowing the location of your building sewer. Call MISS-DIG before any excavation.

DO collect grease in a container and dispose with your trash.