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Wastewater Service Frequently Asked Questions

Can my new house be connected to the sewer system? The system serves most properties on East Castle Danger Road, Ridgeview Drive, and most properties along Highway 61 from Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the southern end up to Gooseberry Falls State Park at the northern end. However, to be certain about your property, contact the Silver Creek Office with your property's parcel number.

How can I contact the Office? Either call 218-834-5255, email <u>silvercreek@frontiernet.net</u>, or use the contact form on the website.

How much will it cost to connect to the sewer system? Complete an application and submit it with the application fee to obtain your estimate. The application fee is currently \$550. Each parcel pays a one-time Access Fee - currently \$8,000. In addition, you will pay the actual cost of materials for connection. It is <u>not</u> possible to provide a written estimate of your costs without a completed application showing the (future) house location.

What if I need a rough estimate prior to planning my new house? \$8,000 for the Access Fee plus a past 5-year average of \$15,000 for parts and materials = \$23,000** costs are rising rapidly with inflation.

Who pays for this connection? The Homeowner pays the full cost prior to connection. The grinder station equipment including the tank, pump, and panel will not be ordered until both the Access Fee and the Estimate have been paid. Payment is suggested 10 weeks before your connection. Delays in payment result in delays in connecting the new home to the system.

Who installs the system? The homeowner's contractor must run a line from the house out to the grinder station (pump) outside the house. The homeowner is also responsible for having electrical power run out to the station. Once these tasks are done, the Town will arrange for installation of the grinder station and will have a licensed electrician connect the pump and panel to power. The Town will also run the wastewater line from the station out to the main line. Refer to the application to view a diagram.

Who maintains the system? The Homeowner maintains the line out of the house up to the grinder station as well as maintaining electricity to the panel. The Town will own and maintain the grinder station and the line from the station to the main line.