

Municipal Authority of the Town of Bloomsburg (MATB)

SPECIFICATIONS For Making Connections with the MATB Sanitary Sewers

1. Permission for connecting with the MATB sewers shall be granted by the MATB on application of the owners. Blank applications will be furnished by the MATB.
2. Before commencing any phase of the construction for the connection, the plumbing contractor shall locate and expose the existing wye or stub provided to connect to the town sewer. No cap, stopper, or plug shall be removed or punctured until permission has been granted by an authorized MATB inspector. If no connection is provided, the contractor shall locate and expose the town sewer main at the point where the connection is to be made. It shall then be verified that there is a $\frac{1}{4}$ "per foot fall by obtaining the differential elevation. If the elevations are such that the connection cannot be made a $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot fall, the MATB shall be contacted for permission to install the line at a minimum grade of $\frac{1}{8}$ " per foot fall. Under no circumstances is the trench between connections to be dug before it is ascertained that the minimum fall can be obtained. For a 6" I.D. pipe and larger, installation at $\frac{1}{8}$ " per foot fall is acceptable without contacting the MATB. This will be the minimum grade and will be used only if a fall of $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot is unattainable.
3. Lateral lines and/or building sewers between the sewer main and the building shall be constructed under the supervision of the MATB and/or such inspector that may be assigned by the Authority.
4. Connection shall be constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the current plumbing codes adopted by the Town of Bloomsburg. Lateral lines and/or building sewers shall be constructed of one of the following materials:
 - (a) SDR 35 with gasketed joints. Also with cleanouts, as required by the MATB.
 - (b) Under certain circumstances, the MATB may approve the use of lining of existing building sewers and/or lateral lines.
 - (c) Under certain circumstances, the MATB may approve the use of ABS materials.
5. Lateral lines and/or building sewers passing under any stream or creek shall be preapproved by the MATB prior to construction.
6. All trenches (both earth and rock trenches) shall be constructed in accordance with MATB specifications.
7. No lateral lines and/or building sewers shall be less than four (4") inches in diameter.
8. No work shall be covered or concealed in any way until inspected and approved by the MATB. Use of a new connection to the sewer system will not be permitted until after all piping from the point of connection at the building to the connection at the Authority's system has been tested to MATB requirements, and approved by the MATB.

9. All connections to the town sewer must be made into the lateral or wye left for that purpose. Where no lateral or wye has been provided, the sewer shall be tapped with an opening to fit a 45 degree saddle and cast iron, clay, or plastic wye saddle shall be applied to the opening; whichever is deemed necessary. The saddle shall be securely fastened by bolts supplied for the purpose and a rubber gasket. The pipe and saddle shall be completely encased with four (4") inches 2,500 lb. concrete. When the opening into the pipe has been cut too large to fit the saddle, the pipe in the MATB sewer must be replaced by a wye branch of the proper size. This construction must be inspected and approved by the MATB before the balance of the connection may be laid.
10. Water in the trench shall be removed by pumping or bailing, and must be kept away from any mortar or concrete work until it has thoroughly set.
11. Whenever a wye branch has been broken while removing its cap preparatory to making a connection, the protruding branch must be repaired or replaced and inspected by the MATB. When an existing lateral stub is broken, the broken end must be cut square and fitted with a duplex coupling (no-shear Fernco, or equivalent) or that section of pipe must be replaced.
12. No spring, storm/surface water, roof and/or foundation drains, basement sump pumps, of any nature whatsoever shall be allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system. If for any reason construction is delayed or stopped, or the structure is abandoned, the pipe connected to the sewer main must be capped with a waterproof cap, and then covered with concrete.
13. When the lateral lines and/or building sewers has been approved by the MATB and the joints have set properly and have passed MATB testing, the line may be backfilled. Loose earth free of stones shall be carefully hand-tamped around the pipe to a distance of twelve (12") inches over the pipe. Coarser material free of stones may then be backfilled and tamped by hand or machine in layers of about twelve (12") inches to a point two (2') feet above the top of the pipe.
14. When the lateral lines and/or building sewer cross a driveway or walkway, backfill shall be thoroughly tamped by hand or machine in the trench from a point two (2') feet above the sewer to the top of the trench.
15. No repairs, alterations, or additions to any connections to the sewer may be made until application has been made to the MATB and permission is granted.
16. No lateral lines and/or building sewers shall be reduced in size between the structure and the sewer main.
17. Debris: Immediately remove any earth, stone, or debris which may have been stored in the sidewalk area, the cartway or the road while making the sewer connection.
18. Any cement sidewalk that has been removed for the purpose of making a sewer connection must be replaced within a timeframe as determined by the MATB from the time the installation has been approved.
19. All connections to the lateral stubs will be made with an adapter as required by the MATB.
20. Any connection that is in violation of these specifications or of any other part of the current code adopted by the Town of Bloomsburg shall be relayed in the proper manner at the expense of the plumbing contractor.

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