
Beacon Hill Sewer District Standard Specifications

STEP Sewer Systems

**Including
Design Criteria and
Standard Construction Drawings**



Alternative sewer systems must meet the requirements set forth in the current version of the Washington Department of Ecology *Criteria for Sewage Works Design* (Orange Book).

Alternative Sewer Systems Design Criteria

1. Alternative Sewer Systems

- A. With the written approval of the District, the Owner's Engineer may consider alternative collection methods for a variety of different applications.
- B. This design criteria is primarily for single-family residential STEP pump system. All other applications will be based on the discretion of the District.

2. Pumps

- A. Pump shall be UL listed for the intended application.
- B. All pumps shall be installed with one (1) 1/2" diameter lifting rope connected to a stainless hook at the top of the riser. The rope shall extend 3' beyond the top of the riser.
- C. A pump curve for the selected pump must be submitted to BHSD for review and approval at the time of permit purchase and prior to installation or system connection.
- D. Effluent pumps installed in STEP systems that are not rated to pump solids shall be protected by a screen or filter limiting solids to no more than 1/8th inch in size.

Pumps

Brand	Distributor	Phone
GOULD	Ferguson	360-425-5330
	Dale McGhee & Sons	360-423-8493
ZOHLER	Ferguson	360-425-5330
	Cutright Supply	360-423-8666
HYDROMATIC (Residential)	Matzke Co., WM. A., Inc	253-872-2029
ORENCO	Watkins Tractor & Supply	360-423-7220

Step Tanks

Tank Type	Distributor	Phone
CONCRETE	Sound Placement Services	360-274-7675
PLASTIC	Searing Electric & Plumbing	360-425-9310
	Watkins Tractor & Supply	360-423-7220

3. Tank/Vessel Type and Sizing

- A. Each vessel and all appurtenances and connections once fully assembled and installed shall be tested for leakage by filling with water, A BHSD inspector will witness the test. No vessel will be accepted if there is any noticeable leakage.

B. Vessel configuration for single family STEP Pump Systems:

1. The minimum size vessel for STEP system is 1000 gallons nominal capacity and shall be either:
 - a) Reinforced Concrete Step Tank or
 - b) Plastic tank upon District approval
2. All STEP vessels shall have one baffle installed that divides the volume of the STEP vessel into two-thirds solids and one-third liquid pump chamber by volume.
3. All STEP vessels shall be properly vented to allow gasses to escape.

C. The vessel shall NOT be installed in a driveway and if at all possible in non-traffic areas.

D. Upon installation and prior to backfilling, the vessel shall be filled to the riser with potable water. Concrete vessels shall be filled for a period of 24 hours to allow for absorption. After this process the vessel shall be filled to a point above the base of the riser. There shall be no more than one-inch loss of water depth over a 24-hour period.

E. The risers shall be at least 24 inches in diameter and installed at each tank end. Risers shall be 24" tall and require District approval for variance.

4. **Pipeline (pressure)**

- A. Each service line shall have at least one gate or ball valve and one check valve installed outside the vessel. These shall be accessible through a valve vault that shall NOT be installed in a driveway. There shall be a union installed inside the vessel for pump removal.
- B. Pipe shall be at least 2" Schedule 40 PVC, ASTM D1785.
- C. Pipe shall have a minimum 18" of cover from finished grade or 24" under ditches and at property line.
- D. Pipeline bedding may be native material unless material is unusable as determined by a District-representative. In this case, the District would-require-5/8"-minus gravel; four inches below the pipe and at least 12" above the pipe.

5. **Pipeline (gravity)**

- A. Gravity pipe from the house to the vessel shall be 4" ABS schedule 40 or PVC 3034.
- B. There shall be a 4" cleanout installed within the first section of pipe from the foundation of the house, Cleanout shall be constructed with a wye and 45-degree bend up, two way "T", or combination "T". No Sani "T" will be allowed.
- C. No 90-degree bends or Fernco's will be allowed. Bends must have a minimum of one foot separation.

6. Control Panel/Level Control

- A. The control panel shall include both an audio and a visual alarm. The audio alarm shall have a silencing button to turn off the alarm until repairs can be made. Must have a High and Low level alarm.
- B. The system shall have a level sensing mechanism that is pre-approved by the District.
- C. The control panel shall be listed for wet location use and is to be padlocked to prevent exposure to electrical hazard.
- D. Electrical conduit shall be Schedule 40 PVC and buried at a depth of at least 24".

7. Provisions

- A. It shall be unlawful to construct, extend, relay, repair, and make connection to or the disconnection of any side sewer inside the property line without contacting the District. A determination will be made upon that contact as to whether a permit shall be required for the work to be done.
- B. Due to extraordinary debris entering B.H.S.D. system during the process of connecting side sewer laterals. B.H.S.D. must be notified prior to making connection. Property owners may be held responsible for failure to do so!
- C. No side sewer trench shall be filled or any sewer covered until the District has approved the work.
- D. Please contact the District 24 Hours before inspection is needed.
- E. It is unlawful to divert or cause to be diverted any storm sewer, surface runoff, or underground drainage to any sewer, manhole or other appurtenant structure or portion of the sewer system. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm sewer, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process water to any portion of the sewer system. No roof drains or yard drains of any type shall be connected to the sanitary sewers in any manner.
- F. Before commencing any excavation, notice must be given to owners of all underground facilities through a one call number locator service. NW Utility Notification Center 1-800-424-5555.

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