



Septic to Sewer Conversion

To connect to Dekalb County's sewer system, you must obtain sewer capacity approval first. A sewer capacity request form (SCR) must be filled out and emailed to sewercapacity@dekalbcountyga.gov for consideration. The capacity evaluation and modeling process is lengthy, usually taking 4 - 8 weeks. Be aware that some of our system is capacity limited. Please include the address of the site in the subject line of your emails.

If you believe the septic system has failed irreparably, contact the Dekalb County Health Department for an inspection. If their inspection finds the system cannot be repaired to current code, forward this finding to dataylor@dekalbcountyga.gov and copy sewercapacity@dekalbcountyga.gov. In these cases, the approval can be processed as an emergency connection and bypass the evaluation and modeling process. Regardless of this finding, the SCR must be filled out and submitted. Be sure to sign the SCR, even if you do not require an engineer.

For Health Dept. Inspections:

Alan Gaines

Environmental Health Department Manager

alan.gaines@dph.ga.gov

For sewer maps:

Watershed Technical Services

dwm_gis@dekalbcountyga.gov

Once sewer capacity is approved, you will need to hire a contractor to make the tap (and any associated system upgrades) and obtain a permit for the job. The Watershed Packet (available at the link below) has all the required forms for the capacity process. Page 2 & 3 of the packet are the SCR form to request sewer capacity, and page 4 is the sewer tap application (to be uploaded to Dekalb's epermitting portal with application).

Note: If you are within City limits, apply for a permit through the appropriate City then obtain a routing sheet from them. This allows us to perform work outside of our jurisdiction. Upload the routing sheet along with an application for a 'City Services' permit on Dekalb's epermitting portal.

Forms and checklists for Watershed Planning & Development Group:

<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/planning-and-sustainability/watershed-guides-checklists-and-calendars>

Thank you,

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