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Edgemont Ranch Metro District
Water and Sewer Installation Guidelines

The Edgemont Ranch Metro District adheres to the City of Durango’s Development Standards for Public Improvements and Construction Specifications as updated and amended, and the Uniform Plumbing Code as updated and amended. All water and sewer services must be installed in compliance with these rules and regulations. These guidelines are not intended to be a substitute for any additional requirements set forth by the City of Durango or the Uniform Building Code at any time. The following are some general guidelines that the District will be looking for at the time of inspection:

Delineation of Responsibilities for Water and Sewer Line Maintenance and Repairs

Water Service:

Property Owner: The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair to the water supply line from the outlet side of the meter to the residence.

ERMD: The ERMD is responsible for the water supply line from the outlet side of the meter back to the main supply line in the road. This excludes negligent or malicious actions by the property owner or their agents.

Each person served by the water utility shall take reasonable precautions to prevent the water service line and the water meter from freezing. This may include, but shall not be limited to, leaving a faucet dripping during time of non-usage, installation of heat tape, or putting a drop light in the meter pit.

If the water service line freezes, the property owner may call the utilities department to investigate the frozen water line.

The property owner is responsible for the entire service line from the house or building the city main in the case of frozen water service line. It is the property owner’s responsibility to take reasonable and necessary precautions to keep the water service line from freezing.

If the water meter is frozen, ERMD will thaw out or replace the meter at no expense to the property owner. The second time this occurs, the ERMD will thaw out or replace the meter, but the property owner will be charged for time and materials expended to thaw out or replace the meter.

The property owner is responsible for the thawing and maintenance of their service line. ERMD will not be responsible for any damage caused by the thawing of a frozen water service line. If a service line breaks within the public right-of-way as a result of freezing, ERMD will repair or replace the service line within the right-of-way at the **property owner's expense.**

Sewer Service:

Property Owner: The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sewer line from the residence to the collector sewer line. The responsibility includes the tap splice on the line.

ERMD: The ERMD is responsible for the collector and trunk sewer lines excluding the tap splice for residential service. This excludes negligent or malicious actions by the property owner or their agents.

Sewer service line piping for the main, including connection, to the premises, shall be maintained by the property owner as a condition of utility service.

When notified by the ERMD, the property owner shall promptly repair any sewer service line piping from the main including connection to the premises, or water service shall be shut off by the ERMD and service will not be restored until the repairs are completed.

The property owner is responsible to maintain the entire service line (from the main line and connection) free of material that may clog the service line. This includes, but is not limited to, grease, any debris coming from the house or building, root intrusion, or physical damage to the line causing sanitary sewer overflow.

Infrastructure-Water and Sewer

Water and sewer mains are to be pressure tested and water mains must be disinfected. The results from all tests must be documented by the engineering firm and included in their inspection report. No infrastructure will be accepted by the District without written inspection reports indicating compliance with the City of Durango's published infrastructure requirements and all authorities reference therein.

Water Service Lines

1. Service line shall be either type K copper pipe suitable for direct burial or Aqua/pure plastic water line (or similar type pipe by another manufacturer).
2. Whenever possible service lines shall be one continuous piece of pipe between the water tap and meter. Under no circumstances should there be any couplers under paving or cement.
3. Rocky or unstable soil shall be over excavated approximately 6" and brought to the proper grade with suitable compacted granular material.

4. Underground water service lines shall be laid not less than 10 feet horizontally from the building sewer line. Where this separation is not possible, the water service line shall be a minimum of 18 inches above the top of the sewer service line or the sewer line shall be constructed entirely of schedule 40 PVC pipe.
5. Water meter must be installed according to manufacturer's specifications.

Sewer Service Lines

1. All connections shall either be gasket or compression fittings, or primed and glued.
2. A cleanout will be located as close as possible to the building, and an additional cleanout will be installed for every 100 feet of pipe.
3. Bedding requirements are the same as for water service lines. See above.
4. Underground sewer service lines shall be laid not less than 10 feet horizontally from the building water service line. Where this separation is not possible, the top of the sewer service line shall be a minimum of 18 inches below the water service line or the sewer line shall be constructed entirely of schedule 40 PVC pipe.

Unauthorized Water OR Sewer tap will result in a \$5000.00 fine, per occurrence, effective July 20, 2006.

**To schedule an inspection call the
District office at 970-259-3102.
Please schedule 3 business days
in advance.**