

# Frequently Asked Questions on City of Kent Sewer Maps

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## **No sewer lines are shown in my area. Don't you serve the whole city with sewer?**

No, there are two reasons why sewer lines may not be shown. First, some parts of the city are served by other agencies. Contact information for those providers is shown on this map. Second, some neighborhoods within our service area do not yet have sewer lines. These areas still depend on private septic systems.

## **This map shows a future sewer extension in my area. Do you know when sewer will be extended, or do you have any plans to build that sewer line?**

No, virtually all sewer extensions in the city are development-driven. In other words, they're installed by private developers to serve their projects. Unfortunately, it's impossible to accurately guess when a property owner will decide to develop and a sewer line will be extended.

## **How does the city plan these proposed sewers? What if a developer wants to extend sewers in a different way than what's shown here?**

City engineers designed these proposed lines to serve the greatest number of properties in the most efficient way. That keeps costs down, both for the city and for property owners who may need to extend sewer lines later in the same area. Therefore, we usually do not permit sewer extensions that don't conform with this plan. However, we do realize that conditions change. On a case-by-case basis, our engineers do approve sewer extensions that don't conform with this plan.

## **What about septic systems? How can I find out if the city would let me build or repair a septic system instead of extending sewer lines to my property?**

The King County Health Department maintains all records and construction standards related to septic systems (even for properties within the City of Kent). Call 206-296-4708, or visit their website at [www.metrokc.gov/health/wastewater/index.htm](http://www.metrokc.gov/health/wastewater/index.htm). Their policies state that septic systems are allowed if sewer is "unavailable", which is usually interpreted as more than 200 feet. The City of Kent honors these standards, and allows homes to be built without sewer service if the owner has received a King County septic permit. However, the City of Kent does not permit commercial buildings to be constructed or land to be sub-divided unless sewer is made available to the property(s).

## **Who can I contact if I have other questions on Kent's sewer system?**

Send us a message at [publicworks@ci.kent.wa.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.kent.wa.us), or call us at 253-856-5301.



# City of Kent Sanitary Sewer System

## Legend

- Force Main
- Future Sewer
- Future Low Pressure FM
- Existing Sewer Main
- King County - Metro Interceptor
- Kent City Limits
- City of Kent Sewer Service Area
- City of Kent Sewer Service Area By Franchise or Agreement
- Potential Expansion Area

Note: All Lines 8" Diameter Except as Noted  
Utility Information Should be Field Verified



Scale = 1:14,400  
(1" = 1200')



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