

Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE

Water and sewerage services at Alpine Lake are provided exclusively by the Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company (ALPUC), a not for profit corporation separate and distinct from the Alpine Lake Property Owners Association. Individual wells and individual septic systems are not permitted and routing of storm water into the sewerage system is not allowed. Outside toilets may not be constructed on any lot. Every Alpine Lake homeowner is obligated to pay charges for water and wastewater services in accordance with rates approved by the West Virginia Public Service Commission. Please read the Alpine Lake Declaration of Restrictions carefully for complete information about utility easements and other utility-related information.

TAP FEES

Please phone ALPUC at (304)789-6996 to determine the correct amount of fees for tapping into ALPUC water and sewer lines and to arrange for actual taps to be completed. Fees must be paid in full and an Application for Service must be filed at least 10 days before any customer will be put on the Tap List. If the house is speculative, a contractor who wants a water tap must file the Application if a tap is desired.

WATER & SEWER LINES

Each customers service line from the house to the point of service must be installed in a workmanlike manner to the point designated by ALPUC and shall be furnished, installed and maintained by the customer at his own expense and risk. Customers must adhere to all federal and state regulations, particularly those of the WV Public Service Commission, Dept. of Environmental Protection and Bureau for Public Health.

PLAN AHEAD to get on the Tap List, you must have filed an Application for Service. No water tap will be made in heavy rain, snow, when the ground is frozen or when the ambient temperature is below 30 degrees. This Rule is for the protection of our staff, our water lines and our service to existing customers. Winter can be long so the contractor or homeowner needs to contact our office to make tap arrangements prior to the temperatures falling below freezing which will result in tap being delayed until spring.

The contractor is considered the agent of the Owner for purposes of requesting a water tap, which means that either the Owner or the contractor may request the taps, unless the Owner directs otherwise in writing. ALPUC requires at least 3 working days in advance of the desired actual connection date and the connection procedures and regulations for water and sewer included in these directions must be followed. If there is no water line (from the house) to connect for a tap, the tap cannot be done and the house cannot be put on the Tap List. **The customer will begin to be billed once the tap is complete.**

TAP LOCATIONS:

The homeowner/contractor must notify ALPUC to place the "Water and Sewer" tap location(s) on the lot(s) in advance, this must be done when the Construction Permit Package is submitted to the Alpine Lake Environmental Control Committee and before the Site Inspection-Conference is held or a Building Permit is issued. This consists of ALPUC placing a "Sewer" stake over the end of the 6" lateral at the property line to mark the tap location designated for that lot. Every sewer line from a house must be installed as and where designated by ALPUC and to no other location. The sewer and water lines must be separated by a minimum of 10 feet throughout the entire run. Driveways must not be placed over the tap location marked by the stake and there must be at least 4 feet of clearance between the side of the driveway or culvert and tap (and meter) locations. No planting or other obstacles are permitted within 15 feet from the middle of the road in front of the customers house. Should any such plantings or obstacles be installed by ALPUC customers, ALPUC is not responsible for any damage or replacements in the event that ALPUC needs to use its easements or rights of way for line repairs or replacement.

WATER CONNECTION:

The property owner (or the owner's contractor) shall install ¾" CTS (**200 psi or greater is highly recommended**) from the house to the point of service, to be connected by ALPUC. A copper-setter, meter pit, and ¾" CTS (200 psi) water line will be installed by ALPUC. A shut-off device is required to be installed by the customer inside a foundation wall in a readily accessible place, protected from possibility of freezing and placed so that it will shut off and drain all plumbing within any and all buildings on the premises. It is highly recommended that the homeowner places their ¾" CTS in conduit especially when ran under a driveway. This will be cost effective if in the future the homeowner experiences a leak between the point of service and the home and may avoid digging up the water line.

As Alpine Lake is situated in a mountainous region, there are areas where water pressure is difficult to normalize. At some higher altitudes, water pressure tends to be lower. At relatively lower elevations, water pressure can be higher. When necessary, water occasionally is temporarily re-routed by ALPUC, generally to provide steady water services to customers while occasional main breaks are being repaired. For this reason, a pressure reduction valve is required for every house, except for those few where inadequate pressure is an issue, as advised by ALPUC.

A house at a higher elevation may need to be equipped with a pressure increasing device in order for the customer to have adequate water pressure. If your home will be located in a potentially low-pressure area, you will be asked to sign a low-pressure waiver agreement before ALPUC will complete your water and sewer taps. Please phone the ALPUC office if you have any questions on these issues. The Alpine Lake Public Utilities Company does not accept liability for water pressure problems resulting from the lack of such valves or devices, from faulty valves or devices or from their improper installation.

SEWER CONNECTION:

Installation of a 4" sewer line (SDR-35 or SCH 40 is **highly recommended**) shall be installed by the property owner or owner's contractor from the house to the property line at the point designated by ALPUC (where the sewer stake was placed by ALPUC). **Thin wall pipe should not be installed** due to the terrain and root structures here at Alpine Lake. Installation of a clean-out is recommended. **Roof drains, down spouts or storm sewers may not be connected to sewer lines or mains.**

In any case where a home is built at a lower elevation than the sewer lateral, the contractor or property owner shall install a grinder pump and a 2" minimum diameter disposal pipe (SDR 21) run to the sewer stake at the pre-determined lateral depth. The grinder pump must be installed in a pit or concrete vault that is water tight. The pit or vault should be at least 36" by 48" in size and should be placed in an accessible area outside the home, for ease of maintenance by the homeowner.

All water and sewer lines must remain uncovered until inspected and approved by ALPUC. Any customer/contractor who fails to observe this rule will be required to re-excavate. Once approved, the line may be covered, except for the last five (5) feet of line before it reaches the property line. ALPUC will cover the remaining five (5) feet after ALPUC makes the connection.

The owner's line will not be connected until and unless the procedures and regulations have been followed. Neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Performance Bond Release will be issued until the connections have been made properly. Only ALPUC personnel are authorized to operate the main shut off valves at copper setters. Tampering with the water connection or with a water meter, if one is installed, or removing a lock from the connection, all are illegal in West Virginia. Once a customer's water and sewer taps are made, the customer is responsible for payment of water and sewer bills in accordance with rates set by the WV Public Service Commission, regardless of stage of construction when taps are made. Water and sewer bills, at this do have a minimum charge regardless of usage.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Alpine Lake safe, clean and beautiful.