



TOWN OF BEDFORD

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Approved Drain Layer Contractor Licensing Policy

Application for a license as an approved contractor shall be made to the Town of Bedford Department of Public Works using the “Application for a Town of Bedford DPW Drain Layer’s License”, which can be found on the Town of Bedford DPW Website. Water and Sewer Permits will not be approved unless applicant is on the Approved Drainlayer list. This list will be renewed each year on January 1st.

Failure to comply with DPW policies regarding water, sewer, drain, trench, and paving work performed by the approved drainlayer may result in removal from Approved Drainlayer List or other enforcement action.

A drainlayer license is required for all contractors who perform water main installations, extensions or repairs, fire hydrant installations or repairs, water service installations or repairs (before the meter) and sewer main installations, extensions or repairs, sewer service installations or repairs and any other work performed on the Bedford water and sewer system, whether on private or public property.

Responsibilities as a Licensed Drainlayer

1. The licensed drainlayer must ensure that application is made to the Public Works’ office before any work can be performed. At the time of application, fees are paid and application is filled out in entirety.
2. All inspections must be scheduled by calling the Public Works’ office at 781-918-4259. Inspections must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance. Inspections will be scheduled on a first call basis.
3. A representative of the licensed drainlayer must be present on the job when the work is being performed. If the licensed drainlayer allows someone else to work under their license, the licensed drainlayer is responsible and must be present. If the licensed drainlayer is not present at the time of inspection, the inspection will not be performed.
4. Under no circumstance is anyone other than Water Department personnel allowed to operate any gate valves, hydrants or curbs.
5. Temporary emergency licenses and/or permits can be issued by the Public Works’ office for the benefit of the public health and safety, i.e. water main breaks or sanitary sewer overflows.
6. All work must be performed in accordance with the Town of Bedford water and sewer specifications as found on the website.