



WATTS BAR UTILITY DISTRICT

Wastewater Contract/Application

It is the policy of Watts Bar Utility District (WBUD) to require that the applicant seeking service be the responsible party residing at the service address. Anyone seeking service who is acting on the applicant's behalf may be required by WBUD to provide the applicant's written verification as well as applicant's identification papers, as required below.

Whenever an application is made for service and WBUD has knowledge of a dispute as to the ownership of the right of occupancy at the service address, and one or more of the claimants attempts to prevent such service being furnished, WBUD reserves the right to adopt either one of the following two courses:

- a) Treat the applicant in actual possession of the premises at the service address as being entitled to such service, notwithstanding the rights or claims of other persons;
b) Withhold service pending a judicial or other settlement of the rights of the various claimants.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Watts Bar Utility District, a UTILITY established and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee, hereinafter referred to as the "WBUD," and the applicant, hereinafter referred to as "CUSTOMER":

Bills can be paid without penalty until the 20th of each month, after the 20th a 10% penalty will be added to the bill. Accounts not paid by the 25th of each month will be subject to be discontinued (cutoff) and a fee will be charged for reconnection. (see Schedule of Rates and Chargers).

All Blanks Must be Completed:

Full Legal Name(s) (print): \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Street / 911 Address (for service): \_\_\_\_\_

Street / 911 Address City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is: \_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_ Renter \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Property is: \_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Customers

The customer agrees and understands that Grease Trap maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Customer. WBUD will provide monitoring of the Grease Trap and will advise the Customer regarding maintenance requirements. The Customer shall set a Grease Trap pumping schedule and maintain records of the pumping. The following data shall be collected but not limited to: Date, Time, Company Pumping Grease Trap, amount pumped, condition of Grease Trap. If WBUD notifies the Customer that the Grease Trap needs maintenance and the Customer has not provided the needed maintenance within three (3) working days, WBUD will schedule the required maintenance and bill the Customer directly for all costs associated with the maintenance.

If the customer becomes habitual with Grease Trap maintenance, WBUD will discontinue service to the property until the Customer meets with WBUD to discuss a plan of action.

The Customer agrees to abide by the following, but not limited to:

- Wastewater/Sewer Installation Criteria and Stipulations for STEP Systems
• Wastewater User Manual (Do's and Don'ts)

If the system is damaged as a result of customer negligence, the customer will be held financially responsible for any and all repairs association with the damage.

WBUD shall be responsible for operation and repair of all components of the sewer system starting at the septic/pump tank and all elements of the STEG (septic tank effluent gravity) or STEP (septic tank effluent pump) system.

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# Wastewater Contract

**All applicants requesting the installation of a new tap or the activation of an existing tap, not previously activated. Shall be required to pay WBUD's monthly minimum bill plus usage for a period of (1) year. Failure to pay said monthly minimum bill plus usage shall result in the tap being de-activated to the property and water being no longer available to said property until a new tap fee is paid at the current rate charge by WBUD.**

In consideration of payment by the CUSTOMER of certain fees detailed in the SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES, WBUD agrees to furnish service to the service address listed herein, and the CUSTOMER agrees to purchase services from WBUD, subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth.

- 1 ... The obligations of this contract shall be binding upon the executors, administrators and estate of the original parties, provided that no application, service agreement or service contract may be assigned or transferred without the written consent of WBUD.
- 2 ... It is agreed that if CUSTOMER sells, subdivides or leases the property herein described, CUSTOMER will notify WBUD in order that it may execute a new contract with the successor CUSTOMER.
- 3 ... It is understood and agreed that every condition of this contract is of the essence of the contract, and if breached, WBUD may cut off one or all of its services to the service address and may not be reconnected except by order of WBUD, after the payment of all rates and charges have been made by the CUSTOMER.
- 4 ... Services provided by WBUD shall be supplied only to the applicant at the address named in this contract. CUSTOMER **shall not connect any other dwelling or property to his service.**
- 5 ... The STEP Tank and related appurtenances serving the CUSTOMER'S service address shall remain the property of WBUD.
- 6 ... WBUD or its agents reserve the right to make inspections of the service installation within the CUSTOMER'S premises upon reasonable notice and at reasonable time. WBUD assumes no liability operation or maintenance of the CUSTOMER'S plumbing.
- 7... The CUSTOMER agrees to keep the property at the service address accessible and free from impediments included but not limited to : not to be fenced-in, clear of trees, bushes, shrubs, structures, vehicle and equipment to WBUD access, maintenance and inspection. Upon notification from WBUD, the CUSTOMER agrees to remove any impediments to WBUD access. If such impediments are not removed within such reasonable time as requested by WBUD, service will be disconnected. Service shall be reinstated after any impediments are removed and all bills, reconnection fees and other such fees are paid by the CUSTOMER.
- 8... WBUD shall have the right to restrict, control or discontinue service at any time during emergencies or repairs.
- 9... WBUD shall, at its discretion, specify how and what uses may be made of service provided to CUSTOMER. If the CUSTOMER fails to comply with the uses so specified, service shall be discontinued.
- 10 ... All requests for disconnection of service should be made either in writing or in person if possible. WBUD will accept telephone requests for discontinuance if caller can give adequate identification. WBUD will make every effort to respond within a reasonable time.
- 11 ... If WBUD discontinues service for non-payment or any other reason and the service is turned on without authority of WBUD, WBUD shall charge a reconnection fee and penalty charge according to its Rates and Fees Schedule.
- 12 ... The CUSTOMER agrees that in the event any WBUD property is damaged, destroyed or tampered with by the fault of the CUSTOMER, it shall be repaired or replaced at the CUSTOMER'S expense and shall be subject to the fees and charges set forth in WBUD's "Theft & Tampering policy" .
- 13 ... WBUD shall have the right to estimate or prorate any bill when conditions beyond the control of WBUD prevent the normal billing procedure.
- 14 ... If the CUSTOMER after signing this CONTRACT does not take the service for any reason, the CUSTOMER shall reimburse WBUD for any expenses incurred.
- 15 ... The receipt by WBUD of the application for service of the prospective CUSTOMER, regardless of whether or not accompanied by payment of fees, shall not obligate WBUD to render such service. If the service cannot be supplied in accordance with WBUD'S policies, rules, regulations and general practice or those of any state or federal agency with oversight regarding service, the liability of WBUD to the applicant for such service shall be limited to the return of any fees paid to WBUD by such applicant.
- 16 ... CUSTOMER agrees that this document is only an APPLICATION for service and shall not be effective as a CONTRACT until approved by an official of WBUD. If the service in the opinion of WBUD cannot be supplied, the liability of WBUD to the CUSTOMER shall be limited to the return of any fees, less any project development costs as incurred by WBUD.
- 17 ... As a condition of service, the property owner shall provide at no cost a suitable place for the installation of the STEP Tank and related equipment and give an easement to WBUD for said location. If for any reason a CUSTOMER wishes to have their STEP Tank relocated (any time after the initial installation) the CUSTOMER must pay all cost incurred for the relocation. If WBUD at any time determined that the CUSTOMER has altered the area where the STEP Tank was initially installed, and this area is no longer a suitable location as determined by WBUD the customer must pay all, cost incurred by WBUD to relocate the STEP Tank.
- 18 ... WBUD bills for services monthly, and bills are mail in bulk at the US Post office. WBUD cannot guarantee the delivery of it bills. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the CUSTOMER of the responsibility of paying of the bill.
- 19 ... **If WBUD damages any underground facilities the CUSTOMER cannot locate, the CUSTOMER will be responsible for all repairs.**
- 20... **The customer agrees to grant WBUD, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement in, over, under and upon the land, with the right to erect, construct, install and maintain sewer system components.**
- 21... **The customer shall be responsible for operation and repair of the outfall line to the septic tank and/or double cleanout (utility discretion) and ALL plumbing in structures on the property.**

By my signature, I obligate myself to obey all rules and regulations of WBUD and pay for all WBUD service at the service address in accordance with the prevailing rate schedule set by the Governing Board. In the event of non-payment or unauthorized partial payment, I agree that WBUD may terminate service and that all unpaid bills are immediately payable by me, including all costs of collection and attorneys fees. It is further understood that WBUD has the right and shall continue to have the right to make, amend and enforce any policies, regulations or by-laws that may be necessary or proper regarding any WBUD matter. The CUSTOMER agrees to abide by such policies, regulations or by-laws.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Disclosure to Lot Buyer at “Point of Sale Contract” will be as follows:***

**Water Service**

You will be responsible for a one-time connection fee (tap fee) when you are ready to build and it is paid to Watts Bar Utility District (WBUD). This fee may change at the discretion of WBUD. The tap is installed at the lot corner or at WBUD discretion. There will be a minimum monthly water bill plus usage. See “Schedule of Rates and Charges”.

**Wastewater System and Service**

Availability: Wastewater service (STEP System) is available for all lots. WBUD is the owner and operator of the wastewater system and will provide installation, service and maintenance as follows:

**You will be billed a monthly wastewater (sewer) bill at the time you purchase your lot.**

Estimated Cost of Obtaining Service:

You will be responsible for a one-time connection fee (tap fee) when you are ready to build of and it is paid to WBUD. This fee may change at the discretion of WBUD. WBUD will then install the pump tank, pump system, and force main on your lot.

This will include the installation of the pump tank, pump, filter(s), and pipe lines **on your lot**. You will also be required to sign a Wastewater Service Agreement for this system.

See “Wastewater/Sewer Installation Criteria and Stipulations”

A copy is available at the WBUD office, phone number is listed below. See “Schedule of Rates and Charges”.

Any additional costs incurred by WBUD for this installation will be your responsibility.

**The exact cost of installation can be determined by WBUD when you are ready to build and have a site plan, house location, and house plans.**

Thereafter, you will be billed monthly by WBUD for service plus usage. These rates are subject to change at the discretion of WBUD. See “Schedule of Rates and Charges”.

**You may not install an individual sewage disposal system on your lot. You will be required to install the type of STEP system in accordance with the WBUD standard specifications. All septic tank effluent shall be connected and pumped into the low pressure collection lines.**

**This Point of Sale Contract is subject to change at any time. Contact WBUD for current Point of Sale Contract, rules, regulations, and policies before you build on your lot.**

For further information Contact: Watts Bar Utility District @ 1-800-882-5099 or [www.wbud.org](http://www.wbud.org)



## Wastewater/Sewer Installation Criteria and Stipulations for STEP Systems

1. **The Homeowner/Business will be responsible for the following during construction and/or prior to installation:**
  - a. Stub out five (5) feet of 4" schedule 40 pipe from your home. WBUD will install a double clean out. At the double clean out is where WBUD will take responsibility.
  - b. Electric line, stubbed out of wall by itself at least one (1) foot from wall and 16 inch radius of clearance from all wall transitions, wires, boxes, etc., of **10-3 with ground** on the outside wall next to the pump tank at 4 feet above finished ground level.
  - c. Electric line shall be stubbed out of the wall above the schedule 40 pipe, 1. a., of this document.
  - d. WBUD will install a 60 amp non-fusible disconnect on the outside wall and that will be where WBUD will take responsibility for the electric.
  - e. 30-amp 220-volt double pole electric breaker inside in breaker box.
  - f. Control Panel must be insight of the Pump Tank and accessible at all times.
  - g. Control Panel and conduit must be able to be replaced at any time.
  - h. Control Panel shall not be hindered in way.
  - i. The STEP will be installed by WBUD and will need to be installed before any permanent work is done to the following, but not limited to:
    - i. Yard
    - ii. Driveway
    - iii. Sidewalks
    - iv. Landscaping
    - v. Buildings
  - j. Only sanitary wastewater shall be plumbed into the STEP Tank. The following is not permitted, but not limited to: gutter drains or downspouts, basement drains, garage drains, or any other drains that is not sanitary wastewater.
  - k. Pump Tank will not be installed under a deck or any structure of any kind. There is to be no items placed on the Pump Tank.
  - l. The WBUD customer will be responsible for any damages to the STEP system. This is before, during and after construction.
  - m. The customer shall have a faucet/spigot within 25 feet of the STEP system.

- n. Easement or Right of Way
  - i. WBUD must stay on the property the STEP Tank is being installed.
  - ii. If WBUD has to use an access or cross over another property, not owned by the owner of the property the STEP Tank is being installed, the Customer is responsible for obtaining written easement/access on the property or properties that WBUD must use to gain access to the STEP Tank.
  - iii. Any damage to the property or properties that WBUD crosses over, the customer will be liable or responsible for.
    - 1. The following damages include, but not limited to:
      - a. Broke pipes
      - b. Trees
      - c. Grass
      - d. Driveways
      - e. Anything underground, not seen
      - f. Sprinkler Systems

**2. When the Homeowner/Business is ready for Installation:**

- a. A two (2) week notice is required prior to installation of the STEP system. The 4” pipe must be stubbed out. If the pipe has not been stubbed out, WBUD will not install STEP system. (A variance can be given if pipe is not stubbed out)
- b. Where the control panel is to be mounted, the brick/siding must be completed/finished.
- c. Do not finish or complete the construction of the yard and/or landscaping until after the installation of the STEP system has been completed.
- d. Pump Tank will be no closer than 5 feet to the home and no further than 15 feet from home, unless there are conditions that require further distance. This will be a case-by-case basis.
- e. WBUD will install Tank, Pump, Control Panel, and Service line (1” class 200 CTS black tubing, TBA Inc. Titan Pipe or equal) from Pump Tank to tap at Road. Tracer wire will be installed with Service Line. See Specs for Tracer Wire.
- f. Electric Permit will be the responsibility of WBUD.
- g. WBUD will install a 60 amp non-fusible disconnect on outside wall next to control panel.

**3. General Information after Installation of STEP System:**

- a. After the STEP system has been installed, the ground will settle around the Pump Tank. The customer will be responsible for dress-up around the tank.
- b. Landscaping is prohibited on or around the Pump Tank; due to it can damage WBUD equipment. If there is any landscaping and it damages WBUD equipment, the Homeowner will be responsible for the damages and removal of the landscaping. If landscaping is damaged by WBUD, WBUD is not responsible for the damages.
- c. WBUD will need 24-hour access to the STEP system installed on your property.
- d. Pump Tank must be accessible at all times for maintenance and/or replacement.
- e. Pump Tank will have either two (2) or three (3) 24" green riser lids, these lids must be visible and accessible at all times to WBUD.
- f. There shall be no painting of WBUD Equipment.
- g. The customer is responsible for maintaining the power to the 60 amp non-fusible disconnect. WBUD will be responsible from the disconnect to the Control Panel and to the STEP Tank.