

Belgrave Heights & Belgrave South Sewerage System

Know your costs and savings

The most important considerations for all property owners who have the opportunity to connect to the sewer system are how much it will cost and how long will it take. While the cost of installation is slightly different for each property due to different ground conditions, we fund the majority of the installation – at a cost of over \$20,000 per property.

This funding includes:

- Purchase, installation and connection of a pump unit for each property
- Installation of a sewerage pipe network within the Belgrave South / Belgrave South township
- Construction of a transfer system to transport the sewage from the townships to the existing sewer network.

However, with all sewer schemes, there are some fees and contributions that are payable by the owner. South East Water will assist owners to minimise plumbing costs by working with you to locate the pumping unit in the most economical location (with consideration of the installation and construction limitations).

When we connect power to the pump unit via a separate circuit on your switchboard, minor upgrades to the switchboard may be necessary. We will carry out these minor upgrades at no cost to you.

If your electricity system is considered unsafe and needs a major upgrade, however, you will need to upgrade the system prior to any works commencing on your property, at your cost.

Water saving initiatives

Instead of decommissioning your septic tank, why not consider utilising it as a below ground rainwater storage tank (average capacity of 3,200 litres).

There are a number of options available and either South East Water's contractors or your plumber can provide you with indicative costs and/or arrange for the installation.

Summary of the costs

Name	Who pays	Costs
Contribution Fee	Paid by all property owners within the scheme's boundary, regardless of whether you connect or not	\$500 (once-off) (paid in instalments of \$25 per quarter, for five years, included in your quarterly South East Water bill)
Residential Application Fee	Paid by all property owners who connect	\$0 if you connect within 12 months \$45 if you don't connect within 12 months (once-off payment to South East Water)
Plumbing costs to connect the tank and pump unit to your existing plumbing and costs associated with decommissioning your existing septic tank	Paid by all property owners who connect	\$1,500 to \$5,000 depending on ground conditions (indicative only once-off payment to your plumber)
Ongoing cost – • Electricity supply to power the pump unit	Paid by property owners who require a pump unit	Approx \$30 per year depending on your electricity retailer arrangements (paid to your electricity retailer)
Ongoing cost – • Sewer Disposal Charges - user-pays charges that cover the cost of collecting, treating and disposing of sewage • Sewage Service Charges cover access to the sewerage system	Paid by all property owners who connect	Approx \$80 per quarter subject to usage (paid to South East Water)