

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Alan Huizenga <ahuizenga@gmeinc.biz>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator; Kevin E. Brown
Subject: RE: Quick sewer disconnection question

Since I was copied on this, I'll toss in my two cents...

Most, if not all, of the services in Bristol connect to the sewer line via a wye connection, not the manholes, so access doesn't really exist to the service lines via the manholes. For those facilities that have exterior grease traps, there may be access to plug the grease trap outlet, which would be easier than digging up a service. Shut off valves are discouraged on sewer services because they introduce restrictions to flow that could cause clogging and back-ups even when open.

Best,
Alan

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Thank you, Kevin!

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From: Kevin E. Brown <KBrown@langrock.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 12:07:17 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: RE: Quick sewer disconnection question

Valerie,

I do not see any authorization in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 129, (the Uniform Water and Sewer Disconnect statutes that govern this problem/process) that empowers a town to shut off a service for which the bill is current, in order to coerce payment for a service for which the user is delinquent.

Disconnection is accomplished by preventing discharge into the Town sewer system. Depending on the configuration of the sewer system, the line can be plugged where it enters the municipal line. Often, there's a shut-off valve. If there is none, sometimes the line comes into a manhole and can be plugged there. But, this only works where the line coming

into the manhole serves only the delinquent user. If you have a problem user, it may be necessary to install a shut valve and then shut off service if the user does not respond appropriately to the uniform disconnect notice.

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From: Bristol Town Administrator [<mailto:townadmin@bristolvt.org>]

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 2:20 PM

To: Kevin E. Brown

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Subject: Quick sewer disconnection question

Hi Kevin,

This hypothetical question has come up a few times at different Sewer Commission/Selectboard meetings and I was asked to follow up with you: If a sewer customer is delinquent on a sewer payment such that they would trigger disconnection proceedings, but is current on their water payment, what process would the sewer service be disconnected if not by shutting off their water?

Thanks,

--Valerie

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