

## Program Overview

In 1993, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners authorized the establishment of the **Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)**. The NIP is an unprecedented set of public works projects representing twenty-five neighborhoods in unincorporated Broward County.

### The program includes:

- Beautification of the community with landscaping, sidewalks and new pavement
- Installation of a drainage system which will reduce flooding
- Provision of a centralized sewer system
- Enhanced fire protection services
- Elimination of 10,200 septic tanks, which contaminates ground water.

This brochure and information package provides property owners basic information on what needs to be done to abandon a septic tank and how to complete a new sanitary sewer line connection.

## When is Connection Required?

All affected property owners will receive notification of availability. New connections must occur within one year of the notice of availability.

Notification and other publications will be distributed in your neighborhood at (HOA) Homeowners Association meetings, and by direct mail.

## Permit Requirements

You will need a Permit from Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department and a plumbing permit from the County for all new sanitary sewer connections:

### 1. Approvals

Prior to performing or having the work performed, approvals must be first be obtained in person by the homeowner or contractor from the County's Development Management Division-Environmental Review Section, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room A-240, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Please bring your legal description with you; it can be found on your tax bill. The fee for this is typically \$40.00 for a single family home. Contact (954) 357-6666 for the fee amount of a commercial property, which may vary.

### 2a. Permitting

The approvals must be taken to Broward County Building Codes Services Division, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Suite 309, Fort Lauderdale, FL (954) 765-4894. The fee for the permit is typically \$197.00 for a single family home.

- b. An Owner Builder Affidavit is required if a property owner applies for the plumbing permit and the property owner lives at that address. The owner will be required to sign a notarized plumbing permit application.

3. A Notice of Commencement is required if the total cost of installing the sewer line exceeds \$2,500. The Notice of Commencement can be obtained from the Broward County Records Division, located at the Broward County Governmental Center at 115 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL.

## General Contact Information

### BROWARD COUNTY WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES

#### Project & Community Coordination Division (954) 831-0706

#### Website

[www.broward.org/waterservices](http://www.broward.org/waterservices)



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## HOW-TO-GUIDE

FOR SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION

- County Permit Requirements
- Instructions to Connect to New Sanitary Sewer System
- Instructions to Abandon the Existing Septic System



