

Grinder Pumps

A grinder pump is an electrically driven device that pumps wastewater from a customer's premises to the Sewer Division's main. In some cases that grinder pump is installed below grade outside the customer's premises. In other cases the grinder pump is installed in the customer's basement. A grinder pump is installed in a "wet well" or "can" into which the customer's wastewater flows. This container can accommodate a limited volume of wastewater before it overflow.

The Wallingford Sewer Division does not own any grinder pumps.

Neither the Sewer Division nor the Town of Wallingford is responsible for the maintenance or operation of any grinder pumps.

All grinder pumps should have been installed with an approved emergency power connection to enable backup power to be connected to the pump in the event of a power outage.

The Sewer Division is not equipped to assist with over flowing grinder pumps, whether due to loss of electric service or any other reason. Customers need to contact a plumbing contractor or drain-clearing service for assistance with this problem.