

PIPE



The Bernalillo County Wastewater Ordinance requires property owners whose property line is within 200 feet of available sewer lines to connect within one year of sewer becoming available. Partners in Improving and Protecting the Environment (PIPE) is a program developed by Bernalillo County to provide financial assistance to qualifying individuals for connection to water and sewer, or replacement of failing septic systems in areas where sewer is not available.

What does PIPE pay for?

The PIPE program covers plumbing costs for connection to municipal water and sewer lines, and abandonment of your septic tank. The PIPE program will pay for replacement of septic systems, if sewer is not available. PIPE may provide up to \$4,300 in assistance.

Do you qualify for the PIPE program?

Qualification for the PIPE program is based on the number of persons residing in your household and the total combined incomes of all persons in the household. Income includes all taxable and non-taxable income -- wages, social security, disability, pensions, retirement income, self-employment and business income, rental income, etc. You must own the property, have resided in the house for the past year and the Total Full Value of the property may not exceed \$185,100.00 (Note: Income limits are based HUD Guidelines that are revised in March each year.)

Number of Persons	Income Limit
1.	\$35,250/year
2.	\$40,250/year
3.	\$45,300/year
4.	\$50,300/year
5.	\$54,350/year
6.	\$58,350/year
7.	\$62,400/year
8.	\$66,400/year

What should you bring to fill out an application?

- Proof that you own the property and (tax bill or notice of value).
- Proof that you have resided in the house at least 1 year (a bill or statement dated one year ago with your name and address).
- Proof of household income (yearly federal tax forms – 1040 etc.).
- Birth dates and social security numbers of all household members.

Where should you go to fill out an application?

Applications can be filled out in person at the Bernalillo County Natural Resources Services, located at 2400 Broadway SE. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8AM to noon, or by appointment. If you have any additional questions or need to schedule an appointment, please contact Bernalillo County Public Works at 848-1524.