

City of Winston-Salem Engineering Field Office
Water & Sewer Testing Guidelines – Effective April 16, 2020

In light of the continuing restrictions for social distancing related to the COVID-19 pandemic but in an effort to keep public works construction moving forward, the Engineering Field Office is providing the following guidelines for water and sewer testing:

- 48-hrs notice to the Construction Inspector assigned to your project is required for **ALL** testing.
- Maximum of 4 people on site for the contractor/developer (including foreman and/or superintendent)
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance between Inspector and all personnel at **ALL** times
- Contractor must provide a 4” or larger diameter pressure gauge for all pressure tests. Gauge should have a maximum reading of 15 psi for sewer main air tests. The larger diameter gauges will allow reading by multiple personnel from a safe distance. We have verified that gauges meeting these requirements are readily available from all local supply companies.
- Construction Inspector can cease testing at any time if the guidelines are not followed

These guidelines will be effective starting April 16, 2020 when we will resume water and sewer testing. Please note that these guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Service disruptions to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities customers will **not** be permitted unless approved by the Engineering Field Office Manager due to the increased number of people that are at home caring for children and/or working from home. If a water shutoff is approved, the Engineering Field Office will provide the shutoff notices to the Contractor, and the Contractor will be responsible for distributing the notices the day before the scheduled shutoff. Shutoffs may also have to be performed overnight to minimize the disruption to people who are forced to be at home during the state and local Stay-at-Home orders. Request for a water shutoff or other service disruption must be submitted to the Engineering Field Manager in writing at least 5 business days prior to the proposed date of work.