



## **Waldo Canyon Fire Reconstruction Process**

Colorado Springs Utilities (Springs Utilities) is eager to assist residents directly affected by the Waldo Canyon Fire with the rebuilding process. That's why we're partnering with the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) to provide guidance, assistance and important utility service and fee information to help homeowners, contractors and other involved parties with the permitting and building process.

While many utility services to the affected homes are already disconnected, additional work may be necessary to not only fully disconnect, but to assess the extent of damage to underground service lines; it is essential to assess their condition and integrity to ensure they are suitable for reuse and to confirm their long-term reliability. Additionally, depending on the extent of damage to the subject property and the customer's rebuilding plans, a wrecking or demolition permit from PPRBD will be required to remove debris prior to any new construction. PPRBD has outlined four possible scenarios for reconstruction; please click on the link below for more information and details:

<http://www.pprbd.org/Notices/Firerestorationfinal.pdf>

The following summarizes the processes and fees for the different scenarios pertaining to utility services:

### **1. Use of existing foundation:**

PPRBD will issue a Demolition Permit for debris removal and will notify Springs Utilities upon issuance of the permit. There are no Springs Utilities fees applicable for the Demolition Permit.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit for reconstruction by PPRBD, the contractor will need to visit Springs Utilities' Customer Contract Administration office to request new services for the home. The requirements and fees applicable for the installation of new service lines and inspections are:

- Temporary Electric Service (\$130): Springs Utilities will install a 50 amp underground non-metered temporary power pedestal at the preferred location of the contractor
- Wastewater Inspection (\$0): The contractor will need to request wastewater and water service line inspections; Springs Utilities will verify that contractor has run a video camera (CCTV) through the wastewater service line to ensure its integrity and that there is no debris or blockage in the line. If new clean outs are installed on the service line an inspection is also required (inspection fee (\$80) would apply).

**Note:** When a new home is built on a lot where a deeper basement will be installed; or when a basement is proposed for a home that previously had a crawlspace or slab on

grade; or the location of the house on the lot is changed, there may be an issue with obtaining positive slope on the wastewater service line. In such cases, it is recommended that the sanitary sewer service be potholed at the property line prior to basement excavation.

- Electric (\$317.36): A Licensed Utility Service Installer will extend and connect the service line into the building; a Springs Utilities inspector will inspect and set a meter
- Gas (\$332.97): A Licensed Utility Service Installer will extend and connect the service line into the building; Springs Utilities will inspect, tie-in the service line to the stub and set a meter
- Water service: Upon request from the contractor, Springs Utilities will perform a meter loop inspection and set a meter
- Water and Wastewater Development Charges are not applicable unless owner requests to increase size of water service
- All installations will conform to Springs Utilities' Line Extension and Service Standards
- Total Springs Utilities fees: \$780.33

**2. Non-use of existing foundation, or**

**3. Building new home (different from original) at existing location:**

The customer or contractor will contact Springs Utilities' Customer Contract Administration office for issuance of a "Request for Removal of Utilities Services"; the cost of the permit is \$80. Please click on the link below for the form:

[http://www.csu.org/business/businesswithus/Documents/removal\\_demolition\\_form.pdf](http://www.csu.org/business/businesswithus/Documents/removal_demolition_form.pdf)

Springs Utilities will verify that all services are removed and stubbed a minimum of 10' from foundation excavation area. The contractor is responsible for removing the water and wastewater services from the excavation area; a Springs Utilities inspector will inspect and approve the removal. Additionally, Springs Utilities will disconnect and remove the gas and electric services safely away from the structure and excavation area.

Customer Contract Administration will notify the customer when the Request for Removal is complete and provide the customer with a completed form to present to PPRBD to obtain a Wrecking Permit.

PPRBD will issue a Wrecking Permit for the total removal of foundation and all fire debris. Springs Utilities will verify that contractor has run a video camera (CCTV) through the wastewater service line to ensure its integrity and that there is no debris or blockage in the line. Verification and inspection is required prior to PPRBD completion of the Wrecking Permit and issuance of Building Permit.

Prior to the issuance of a new single family dwelling permit by PPRBD, the contractor should visit Customer Contract Administration to request new services for the home and pay applicable fees. The service line process will closely follow new construction with some variations. The requirements and fees applicable for the installation of new service lines and inspections are:

- Temporary Electric Service (\$130): Springs Utilities will install a 50 amp underground non-metered temporary power pedestal at the property line or the preferred location of the contractor

- Wastewater Inspection (\$80): The contractor will need to request wastewater and water service line inspections  
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- Water service: Upon request from the contractor, Springs Utilities will perform a meter loop inspection and set a meter
- Water and Wastewater Development Charges are not applicable unless owner requests to increase the size of water service
- All installations will conform to Springs Utilities' Line Extension and Service Standards
- Total Springs Utilities fees: \$860.33

**4. Repair of existing structure due to fire damage:**

Each residence will be addressed individually as needed, depending if there is damage to utility services or meters

Our associates are available and ready to answer your questions, address your concerns and provide essential utility information you'll need for this process. Please feel free to contact us with questions:

- For general questions and fee information related to reconstruction, contact Customer Contract Administration 668-8111 or visit the office in Regional Development Center located at 2880 International Circle, Suite 210
- For Water and Wastewater Inspections and technical questions, 668-3524, option 1
- For Electric and Gas Inspections and technical questions, 668-3524, option 2
- For information on record drawings and service stub locations, 668-4426

Best Regards,

Colorado Springs Utilities