

**15A NCAC 18A .1949 SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN UNITS**

(a) In determining the volume of sewage from dwelling units, the flow rate shall be 120 gallons per day per bedroom. The minimum volume of sewage from each dwelling unit shall be 240 gallons per day and each additional bedroom above two bedrooms shall increase the volume of sewage by 120 gallons per day. In determining the number of bedrooms in a dwelling unit, each bedroom and any other room or addition that can reasonably be expected to function as a bedroom shall be considered a bedroom for design purposes. When the occupancy of a dwelling unit exceeds two persons per bedroom, the volume of sewage shall be determined by the maximum occupancy at a rate of 60 gallons per person per day.

(b) Table No. I shall be used to determine the minimum design daily flow of sewage required in calculating the design volume of sanitary sewage systems to serve selected types of establishments. The minimum design volume of sewage from any establishment shall be 100 gallons per day. Design of sewage treatment and disposal systems for establishments not identified in this Rule shall be determined using available flow data, water-using fixtures, occupancy or operation patterns, and other measured data.

TABLE NO. I

TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT	DAILY FLOW FOR DESIGN
Airports (Also R.R. stations, bus terminals --not including food service facilities)	5 gal/passenger
Barber Shops	50 gal/chair
Bars, Cocktail Lounges (Not including food service)	20 gal/seat
Beauty Shops (Style Shops)	125 gal/chair
Bowling Lanes	50 gal/lane
Businesses (other than those listed elsewhere in this table)	25 gal/employee
Camps	
Construction or Work Camps	60 gal/person 40 gal/person (with chemical toilets)
Summer Camps	60 gal/person
Campgrounds -- With Comfort Station (Without water and sewer hookups)	100 gal/campsite
Travel Trailer/Recreational Vehicle Park (With water and sewer hookups)	120 gal/space
Churches (Not including a Kitchen, Food Service Facility, Day Care or Camp)	3 gal/seat
Churches (With a Kitchen but, not including a Food Service Facility, Day Care, or Camp)	5 gal/seat
Country Clubs	20 gal/member
Day Care Facilities	15 gal/person
Factories (Exclusive of industrial waste)	25 gal/person/shift
Add for showers	10 gal/person/shift
Food Service Facilities	
Restaurants	40 gal/seat or 40 gal/15 ft <sup>2</sup> of dining area, whichever is greater
24-hour Restaurant	75 gal/seat
Food Stands	
(1) Per 100 square feet of food stand floor space	50 gal
(2) Add per food employee	25 gal
Other Food Service Facilities	5 gal/meal
Hospitals	300 gal/bed
Marinas	10 gal/boat slip
With bathhouse	30 gal/boat slip
Meat Markets	

(1)	Per 100 square feet of market floor space	50 gal
(2)	Add per market employee	25 gal
	Motels/Hotels	120 gal/room
	With cooking facilities	175 gal/room
	Offices (per shift)	25 gal/person
	Residential Care Facilities	60 gal/person
	Rest Homes and Nursing Homes	
	With laundry	120 gal/bed
	Without laundry	60 gal/bed
	Schools	
	Day Schools	
	With cafeteria, gym, and showers	15 gal/student
	With cafeteria only	12 gal/student
	With neither cafeteria nor showers	10 gal/student
	Boarding Schools	60 gal/person
	Service Stations	250 gal/water closet or urinal
	24-hour Service Stations	325 gal/water closet
	Stores, Shopping Centers, and Malls	
	(Exclusive of food service and meat markets)	120 gal/1000 ft <sup>2</sup> of retail sales area
	Stadium, Auditorium, Theater, Drive-in	5 gal/seat or space
	Swimming Pools, Spas, and Bathhouses	10 gal/person

(c) An adjusted design daily sewage flow may be granted by the local health department upon a showing as specified in Subparagraphs (c)(1) through (c)(2) that a sewage system is adequate to meet actual daily water consumption from a facility included in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

- (1) Documented data from that facility or a comparable facility justifying a flow rate reduction shall be submitted to the local health department and the State. The submitted data shall consist of at least 12 previous consecutive monthly total water consumption readings and at least 30 consecutive daily water consumption readings. The daily readings shall be taken during a projected normal or above normal sewage flow month. A peaking factor shall be derived by dividing the highest monthly flow as indicated from the 12 monthly readings by the sum of the 30 consecutive daily water consumption readings. The adjusted design daily sewage flow shall be determined by taking the numerical average of the greatest ten percent of the daily readings and multiplying by the peaking factor. Further adjustments shall be made in design sewage flow rate used for sizing nitrification fields and pretreatment systems when the sampled or projected wastewater characteristics exceed those of domestic sewage, such as wastewater from restaurants or meat markets.
- (2) An adjusted daily sewage flow rate may be granted contingent upon use of extreme water-conserving fixtures, such as toilets which use 1.6 gallons per flush or less, spring-loaded faucets with flow rates of one gallon per minute or less, and showerheads with flow rates of two gallons per minute or less. The amount of sewage flow rate reduction shall be determined by the local health department and the State based upon the type of fixtures and documentation of the amount of flow reduction to be expected from the proposed facility. Adjusted daily flow rates based upon use of water-conserving fixtures shall apply only to design capacity requirements of dosing and distribution systems and nitrification fields. Minimum pretreatment capacities shall be determined by the design flow rate of Table I of this Rule.

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