

Town of Winton

Wastewater Collection System Annual Report

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

This report is being made available to the Town of Winton wastewater customers by mail and at the Winton Town Hall at 405 N. Main St.

The person designated by the Town of Winton to be the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) of the Town of Winton wastewater treatment plant is Chris Blackburn and the ORC for the wastewater collections system is James Pridgen. They can be contacted by calling the Winton Town Hall at 252-358-3041 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Wastewater Collections System

The Town of Winton operates a wastewater collection system under permit # WSQC00300 that is issued by the N.C. Division of Water Resources. The wastewater treatment plant and the wastewater collection system are required to be operated and maintained within the requirements of the permits issued and enforced by The North Carolina Division of Water Resources. This system consists of approximately 9 miles of gravity sewer lines, 13 miles of force sewer main, and 12 pump stations. These pump stations consist of simplex and duplex type pump applications. All pump stations are equipped with alarms, and each pump station is set up so it can be by-passed if needed. The Town of Winton has, on hand, 1 Godwin CD150M High volume pump and 1 Godwin HL80M high lift pump. These pumps are mobile and can be moved from station to station. The Main Headworks pump station and the GEO pump station is equipped with generators that will come on automatically when power is lost. These two pump stations have very high wastewater volumes. All 12 pump stations are checked on a daily basis.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Wastewater collected by this system is pumped to the Town of Winton's wastewater treatment plant under permit # WQ0001602. The Town of Winton's wastewater treatment plant consists of 1 stabilization lagoon, 1 storage lagoon, and spray fields. The wastewater flows into the stabilization lagoon where solids contained in the wastewater settle to the bottom of the lagoon where they are decomposed by anaerobic treatment. Non-settleable solids in the wastewater are decomposed by aerobic organisms. The dissolved oxygen necessary for aerobic treatment is provided by wave action, algae photosynthesis, and four mechanical aerators. The water is then disinfected with chlorine and pumped to the spray fields for final treatment.

Compliance Summary

The Town of Winton is proud to report that we have continued to meet all state and federal regulations throughout the past year.

GREASE & SO-CALLED “FLUSHABLE WIPES” WARNING

Grease in a sewer is a problem! Too often grease is washed into plumbing systems through the kitchen sink. Grease that is dumped into the system sticks to the inside walls of sewer pipes, both on your property and in the town’s sewer mains. Over time this grease can build up and block the entire pipe. The results from this can mean raw sewage overflowing in your home, your neighbor’s home, or in the street.

The so-called “flushable wipes” that many use are a disaster waiting to happen. We have seen many homeowners whose sewer lines have been destroyed by the use of these wipes. The repairs are very expensive. We have also experienced many problems on the town’s side of the sewer system such as blocked mains, damaged pumps, etc. Please save yourself and the town money in costly repairs and refrain from using these products.

What you can do to help

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer in the first place. Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets. Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, pots, pans, utensils, grills, and cooking surfaces into trash can for disposal. Do not pour grease down garbage disposals. Keep baskets and strainers in sink drains to catch food scrapes and other solids. Empty the drain baskets and strainers into the trash for disposal. Share this information with friends or neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out. As for the so-called flushable wipe issue. Only flush toilet paper down toilet. Never flush wipes, paper towels or other items of this type. This will save you a lot of money.

Certification:

I, James Pridgen, certify under penalty of the law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the Town of Winton.

James Pridgen

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James Pridgen, Public Works Director

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