



SLP Trench Inspections Self-certification

Southern Water requirement

Southern Water now allows suitably accredited Self-Lay Providers and Developers to conduct their own trench inspections.

We can accept trench inspections conducted by any single person who holds any accreditation from the Water Safe Scheme. The SLP or Developer must be on the Lloyd's register and have the relevant approved Water Safe accreditation.

There are 7 approved schemes under the Water Safe Scheme, such as WIAPS and TAPS 5, for Self-Lay providers and Developers to undertake their own trench inspections. The accreditations ensure plumbers and contractors comply with the mandatory Water Supply (Water Fittings) regulations 1999. Information on each of the accreditations can be found on the link below -

https://www.watersafe.org.uk/about/information_for_plumbers/approved_contractors_schemes/

Our required process to follow

As part of the process, we would require the following forms to be submitted to us –

1. SLF-F7 form – 2 working days prior to the trench inspection, a link to the form can be found here - <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/self-lay>
2. Water Safe Scheme certificate
3. Trench photos

Where to send the required information

Please send all of your information to selflay@southernwater.co.uk where a member of our team in Durrington will review your submission and return with confirmation.

For assurance, Southern Water reserve the right to spot check any trench inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this then please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at the above email address.