

AppHealthCare Fee Schedule

effective 12/17/25



On-Site Wastewater Permits:

Improvement Permits:	Fee:		
1 – 3 Bedrooms Residential, RV or Commercial <361 GPD	\$800.00 *		
4 – 5 Bedrooms Residential or Commercial >360 and <600 GPD	\$900.00 *		
If flow rates exceeds 600 GPD, each additional 480 GPD, or portion thereof	\$500.00 *		
*These fees include a nonrefundable site evaluation fee equal to one-half the application fee plus a \$50 admin fee. Fees also include a gravity system Construction Authorization (CA). Additional fees will apply for a Type IIIb or Type IV – VI system as listed below.			
Construction Authorization (CA) Permits:	Gravity (Type I, II,III)	Simple Pump (Type IIIb)	Drip, Large, Pretreatment, (Type IV, V, VI,)
1 – 3 Bedrooms Residential, RV or Commercial <361 GPD	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 575.00
4 – 5 Bedrooms Residential or Commercial >361 and <600 GPD	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 575.00
Expansions:			
Expansion of a residential system:	\$475.00 for the 1st bedroom and \$225.00 for each additional bedroom.		
Expansion of a commercial system:	\$475.00 for the 1st 120 gallons and \$225.00 for each additional 120 gallons.		
Privy, Incinerating and Composting Toilets (Type I):	\$375.00		
Relocation of a Septic Tank:	\$375.00		
Change of Existing Permit (Limited) No soil evaluation required:	\$400.00		
Change of Existing Permit (Comprehensive):	Full permit fee with a new application.		
Revisit Fee (Inadequate site preparation, broken appt, reflagging):	\$150.00 per visit		
Septic Repair Fee:			
1-3 Bedroom	\$150.00		
4+Bedroom, Vacation Rental or Non-Residential	\$250.00		
Initial System was Private Option	Full permit fee		

Fees above do not reflect the revised A2 IP & CA at 40% or A2 CA only at 40% effective 9/1/23.

Well Permits:

New Well Permit Application:	\$475.00
This fee includes the site evaluation, permit, grouting inspection, well head inspection, and state mandated laboratory analysis of well water (test includes Coliform, Nitrate/Nitrite and Inorganic sampling).	
Well Abandonment	\$300.00
Change of an Existing Well Permit:	\$300.00
Repair (for emergencies-low quantity or yield / quality issues)	\$75.00
Repair (for improving property or code compliance)	\$125.00
Variance Request (filing fee)	\$100.00
Revisit Fee (Inadequate site preparation, broken appointments):	\$150.00 per visit

Compliance (Existing System) Inspection:

Compliance Inspection	\$225.00
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Migrant Housing:

Migrant Housing Inspection:	\$300.00 per house/facility to be inspected.
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Administrative Fees:

Permit Name Change:	\$25.00
Return Check Fee:	\$25.00
Non-Refundable Administrative Fee on all applications:	\$50.00

Site Preparation Instructions and Example Site Plan

The applicant/agent is responsible for preparing the property for the soil/site evaluation. The property corners and property lines must be clearly and correctly flagged in the field.

A minimum of four test holes or backhoe pits must be dug. The holes, if dug with posthole diggers, must be at least 12 inches wide and 48 inches deep. If dug with a backhoe, the holes must be 30 inches wide and 60 inches deep. The holes should be spaced 30 to 50 feet apart and should be dug along the contour of the ground. (See example layout below)

How to choose the area to dig the test holes: We would like to place the septic system in the location you prefer. You can help us do this by locating the holes in areas that meet the following setbacks: at least 50' from any creek or spring, 15' from any proposed structure or driveway, 10' from any property line, and 100' from any existing or proposed well location or spring water supply.

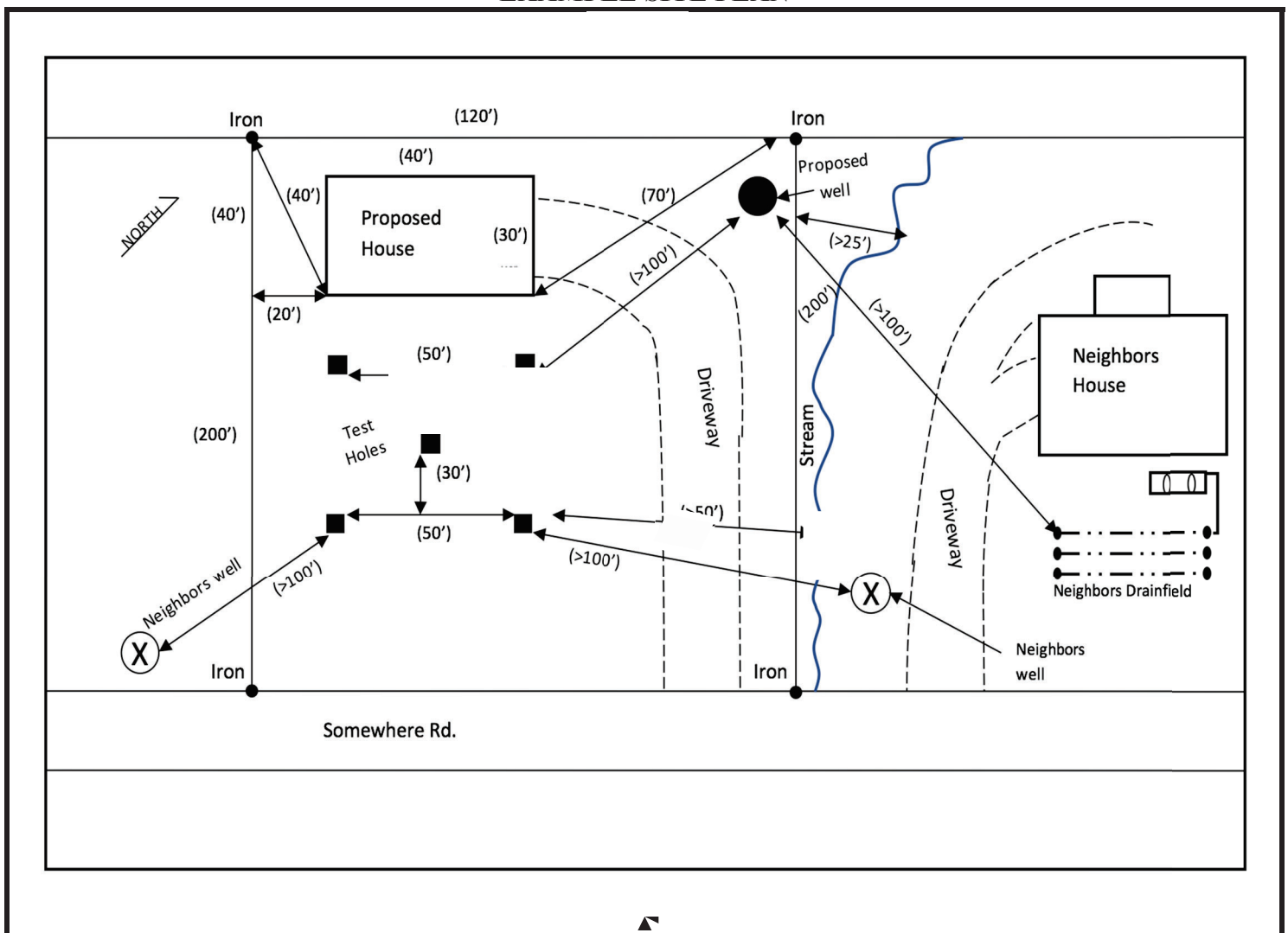
Grading and excavation of the property is not recommended prior to this department's evaluation.

SHOW EACH OF THESE ON THE SITE PLAN:

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| 1. Structures(s) (existing and/or proposed)
(Dimension of proposed structures including decks) | 5. Property corners & lines |
| 2. Distance to proposed structure(s) from two (2) different points or fixed benchmarks (see below) | 6. Septic system(s) (existing and/or proposed) |
| 3. Water supply sources (well or spring) | 7. Water lines (existing and or proposed) |
| 4. Driveway (existing and/or proposed) | 8. Wells and fuel tanks within 100 feet of the site |
| | 9. Streams, springs, or other surface water |
| | 10. Subsurface drains |

To make the permitting process faster for everyone, please give accurate measurements for the proposed construction.

EXAMPLE SITE PLAN



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Septic and Well Permit Application Guide

Please complete only the required sections of the application that apply to the service you are requesting. The table below explains which sections are required for each service.

It is **HIGHLY ADVISED** to contact the county where the permit is located prior to submitting via mail or email. This will help prevent any delays with receiving and accepting your application.

Service Being Applied For:	Application Sections Required:	Survey/ Schematic required	Site plan required
New Septic System (Improvement Permit or IP)	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	Yes	Yes
Construction Authorization Permit or CA	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	Yes	Yes
New Well Construction Permit	1, 2, 4, 5, 8	Yes	Yes
Compliance Inspection	1, 2, 4, 7, 8	No	Yes
Well Repair Permit	1, 2, 4, 5	No	Yes
Septic Repair Permit	1, 2, 3, 4	No	Yes
Migrant Housing Inspection	1, 2, 3, 4	No	Yes
Expansion of an Existing Septic System	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	Yes	Yes
Septic Tank Relocation	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	No	Yes
Change of Existing Permit Well or Septic- Limited when only new CA needed Comprehensive when new IP and CA needed	1, 2, 3, 4, 8	Yes (unless attached to permit)	Depending on proposed change.
Well Abandonment	1, 2, 4, 6	No	Yes
Name Change	1, 2	No	No

- A site revisit fee of \$150.00 will be charged for properties that are not prepared as specified in the instructions or as stated in the application in Section 8.

Only the Applicant or Authorized Agent, as designated on the appropriate form, will be allowed to pick up permits.

All applications must be signed and dated.

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Septic and Well Check List

1. **Prepare Site*:**_____
 - a. Property lines and irons marked onsite_____
 - b. Proposed house/building site staked onsite_____
 - c. Well site staked_____
 - d. Driveway marked_____
 - e. HOLES DUG_____ **may be dug later if Health Dept is going to meet a machine operator onsite.**
 - f. Call [811](tel:811) to locate underground utilities and provide the ticket number on the application.
2. Turn in completed application containing_____
 - a. Survey plat or Schematic_____
 - b. Site plan_____

Wait time for finished permit will vary depending on number of active applications, weather, availability of installers/ contractors / surveyors, legal agreement requirements, etc.
3. Receive **Improvement Permit**** _____
 - a. Permit valid for 5 years or may be non-expiring if plat meets [requirements](#).
4. Apply for **Construction Authorization (CA)** _____ AND
New Well _____ when ready to build.
 - a. House/building and driveway shall be accurately staked/flagged onsite prior to applying._____

Additional fee may be required for CA depending on septic system type.
5. Receive **Construction Authorization Permit**** _____ AND
Well Construction Permit** _____
 - a. Construction Authorization valid for validity of Improvement Permit
 - b. Well Permit valid for 5 years
6. Have a...
 - a. Certified septic installer installs septic system _____
 - i. We will inspect system when licensed installer calls for final inspection.
 - b. Certified well driller drill well _____
 - i. We will inspect grout when licensed driller calls for inspection.
7. Once outside of house is finished (house foundation and all decks) and well is completed (pump installed and well head complete), applicant must call Health Department to request the:
 - a. **Operation Permit (will not be issued automatically after final inspection)** _____ AND
 - b. **Well Certificate of Completion** _____

Please note that this final process may take 1-2 weeks or longer if there are incomplete items.

 - c. Receive **Operation Permit (OP)** _____

OP will be required to receive your Certificate of Occupancy "CO" from Planning and Inspections.
The CO is required for power to be turned on.

*A \$150 revisit fee must be paid prior to the next site visit for sites not prepared as specified which may cause delays.

**Permit issuance is contingent upon site suitability which is determined during the soil and site evaluation by this department. This includes, but is not limited to: soil conditions, available space, topography, water features, other water supplies, sources of contamination to wells, etc.