

2025 WATER QUALITY NEWS



SCHEDULING AN INSPECTION

Please call our main line at 740-368-1720 or email EH@delawarehealth.org to schedule an inspection. For an inspection between 8am-12pm, please schedule by 5pm the day prior. For an inspection from 12pm-4pm, please schedule no later than 9am the day of the inspection. No fees will be charged for inspections canceled on the same day.



ALTERNATIVE LOADING RATES

If you use alternative loading rates, please refer to the required items on the updated memo that is within this document. There is now also a form for homeowners to complete to ensure they have been made aware of the use of alternative loading rates. Please submit this along with your permit applications.



SEPTIC PERMIT EXPIRATION

Septic permits expire 12 months after the date of issuance, however, we are allowed to extend the permit 6 months from the date of expiration. We are able to perform "an inspection" after the 18-month extension according to OAC 3701-29. We will allow one final inspection after the 6-month extension has expired. All components must be in the ground prior to the 18-month expiration. If a component still needs to be installed, a new permit will be required.



CHANGES TO DESIGN

Things happen on site that may change the design of the original plans. Any changes that may affect the functionality of the system (see examples below), there must be an updated/amended design from the designer prior to system approval:

- Change in location of septic fields.
- Change in location of pumping tanks.
- Change in location of septic tanks only if additional cleanout are being added other than the required clean out at the foundation of the home.

All other changes may be reflected on the as-built. Please accurately reflect the install on the as-built. A standardized as built form will be coming at a later date.



START UP/FINAL INSPECTION

To receive final approval of the system, all devices (aerator, uv, etc.) need to be installed. We will also need to see the system started up to confirm the system is operational to the approved design. We can coordinate being on site for the initial startup performed or for our final inspection where we typically sign the building card.



OTHER PROGRAM UPDATES

- Septic fields should be sited within the soil scientist’s represented area. Additionally, the flag representing the soil test hole should be identifiable on site.
- If products used in installation (tanks, pumps, etc.) differ from the products in the approved design, please contact us prior to inspection so we verify they are approved.
- Please add barrier for designs in wooded areas. It does not have to be silt fence.
- Please be able to provide confirmation of the type of topsoil, aggregate, or sand used in installation, if requested.
- Piping with no drain back should be in the ground between 32”-36”
- Reminder: For septic abandonments not associated with an alteration or replacement, please submit the abandonment form with the top portion of the permit completed.



CHECKLISTS FOR DESIGNS

We have checklists that guide us during our design reviews. They are not all encompassing but they break down certain sections of the code to help guide the review process. They are listed on our website if you are interested in what we look for during design reviews. If you have any questions regarding a section, please contact us!

If you have any general questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly at:

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REMEMBER, EVERY PIPE YOU LAY AND EVERY TANK YOU SET ISN'T JUST A JOB—IT'S PEACE OF MIND FOR A FAMILY. A WORKING SEPTIC SYSTEM MEANS SAFETY, COMFORT, AND A HOME THAT RUNS RIGHT. BUILD IT LIKE IT'S YOUR OWN.



HEALTH DISTRICT HAPPENINGS:

CPR CLASS OFFERED BY DPHD

According to the CDC, nearly 1 in 5 of all workplace fatalities occur in the construction industry (BLS, 2024) A fall from a ladder, a machinery accident, or even a cardiac emergency can occur in the blink of an eye on a construction site. Delaware Public Health is offering various CPR/AED/First Aid trainings to know how to perform CPR and/or use an AED when it really matters. If you are interested in attending a training, please visit our website to register: [CPR/AED/First Aid Classes](#)

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tick
AWARENESS

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ticks:

- > **treat**
TREAT CLOTHING OR SKIN WITH REPELLENTS BEFORE GOING OUTDOORS
- > **inspect**
INSPECT YOURSELF, CLOTHING AND GEAR FOR TICKS
- > **clean**
CLEAN ANY AREA WHERE A TICK WAS REMOVED
- > **keep**
KEEP RECORD OF THE DATE THE TICK WAS REMOVED
- > **shower**
SHOWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER COMING INDOORS

UPCOMING CLOSURES

June 19 - Juneteenth
July 4 - Independence Day
September 1 - Labor Day
September 18 (after 12pm) - Little Brown Jug
October 13 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veterans Day
November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving
December 12 - Winter Education Conference
December 24 (after 12pm) - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas