

Permit Fees

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Private Sewage Minimum Distances

On a property that adjoins a permanent body of water such as a lake, river, stream or creek, the effluent disposal component of private sewage system shall be located

- a. not less than 90 m (300 ft.) from the shore of the body of water, or
- b. where a principal building is located between the system and a body of water, the distance may be reduced to the minimum distance requirements for that method of treatment and disposal.

Intent: The intent of this Article is to position the disposal component of a system far enough from the body of water that upon a failure of the disposal component, effluent that surfaces should not reach the body of water. The positioning of the disposal component of a system to the front of the lot will make a failure more easily noticed and encourage repair of the system. A water tight septic tank or similar component need not meet the requirements of this Article.

Septic tanks, sewage holding tanks or sewage effluent tanks shall not be located within:

- a. 1 meter (3.25 feet) from any property line;
- b. 9 meters (30 feet) from any water source;
- c. 9 meters (30 feet) from any water course; and
- d. 1 meter (3.25 feet) from any building.

A disposal field, measured from any part of a weeping lateral trench shall not be located within:

- a. 1.5 meters (5 feet) from any property line;
- b. 9 meters (30 feet) from any basement or cellar;
- c. 15 meters (50 feet) from any water source;
- d. 15 meters (50 feet) from any water course (see **Note #1**);
- e. 1 meter (3.25 feet) from any non-basement building; and
- f. 1 meter (3.25 feet) from a septic tank.

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A treatment mound shall not be located within:

- a. 3 meters (10 feet) from any property line,
- b. 15 meters (50 feet) from any water source,
- c. 15 meters (50 feet) from any water course (see **Note #1**),
- d. 3 meters (10 feet) from a septic tank,
- e. 9 meters (30 feet) from any basement or cellar, and
- f. 3 meters (10 feet) from any (non-basement) building.

An effluent discharge to the ground surface shall not be located within:

- a. 45 meters (150 feet) from any water source,
- b. 45 meters (150 feet) from any water course (see **Note #1**),
- c. 45 meters (150 feet) from a dwelling, and
- d. 90 meters (300 feet) from any boundary property line.

A lagoon serving a single family dwelling or duplex shall not be located within:

- a. 45 meters (150 feet) from a dwelling,
- b. 30 meters (100 feet) from any property line,
- c. 90 meters (300 feet) from any water source, and
- d. 90 meters (300 feet) from any water course.

Definitions

Water Source - means a man-made or natural source of potable water.

Water Course - means:

- a. a river, stream, creek, swamp, marsh or other natural body of water marked by the shore, or
- b. a canal, reservoir or other man-made surface feature intended to contain water for a specified use, whether it contains or conveys water continuously or intermittently.

Note #1

If there is NOT a main building between the disposal system and the water course the minimum distance between the effluent disposal component of the private sewage and the water course is always 90 meters (300 feet).

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