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Permit Application Instructions

*Failure to follow complete instruction may result in processing delays

1.. Submit a clear and legible plot plan on 8 ½ x 11 paper that includes the following ensuring all locations are indicated by accurate measured distances.

*Property dimensions and size (survey preferred).

*Location of proposed and existing buildings and type.

*Location of proposed septic tank, septic treatment area and alternate treatment area.

*Location of water supply lines to the dwelling and any out buildings.

*Location of all wells, existing or proposed, on and within 150 feet of the property.

*Location of streams, lakes, ditches, and drainage areas on or within 50 feet of the property.

- 2. Provide detailed directions to the property, GPS coordinates can also be provided.
- 3. Contact this Department to have a soils evaluation conducted or it can be performed by a Registered Professional Engineer to determine the sizing of the OWTS.
- 4. <u>**Two soil profile test pit excavations**</u> shall be dug to provide observation of the soil profile. Observations of the soil profile test pit excavations are to determine soil types, limiting layers and the best depth of the infiltrative surface, and the determination of the soil type for the 4 feet of soil below the infiltrative surface.
- 5. The soil profile test pit excavations must be located at or immediately adjacent to the location of the proposed soil treatment area, (approximately 30 ft apart) but if possible not under the final location of a trench or bed. At least one soil profile test pit excavation must be performed in the portion of the soil treatment area anticipated to have the most limiting conditions. The holes must be excavated to a depth of **8 ft and must be a minimum of 2 ft in width.** If groundwater or bedrock is encountered before reaching the 8 ft depth, the holes may be terminated at that depth.
- 6. During construction of the OWTS the bottom of the leach bed (or trench) must be level and **no less than four (4) ft** above any limiting layer. If a limiting layer is encountered during construction, the contractor/owner must cease digging and contact the LAHCDHD.

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- 7. Water or wastewater conveyance pipe crossings or encroachments may be permitted provided they are encased for the minimum setback distance of **10 feet** on each side of the crossing. A length of pipe with a minimum Schedule 40 rating of sufficient diameter to easily slide over and completely encase the conveyance must be used. Rigid end caps of at least Schedule 40 rating must be glued or secured in a watertight fashion to the ends of the encasement pipe. A hole of sufficient size to accommodate the pipe must be drilled in the lowest section of the rigid cap so the conveyance pipe rests on the bottom of the encasement pipe. The area in which the pipe passes through the end caps must be sealed with an approved underground sealant compatible with the piping used. Other methods of encasement that provide equal protection are allowed. These methods must be reviewed and approved by LAHCDHD.
- 8. Building sewer installations shall meet the design requirements of the current Colorado Plumbing Code.
- 9. See the following chart for proper placement and setback requirements for the OWTS from the listed features.
- 10. If the soil evaluation determines that the OWTS must be engineered, the design must be completed by a Registered Professional Engineer. That design must be submitted to this Department for approval before construction begins.
- 11. The OWTS must be installed by a LAHCDHD licensed installer, or in some cases, the homeowner may be allowed to install the system. Due to the complexity of an engineered system a licensed installer is highly recommended.

Table 7-1Minimum Horizontal Distances in Feet Between Components of an On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Installed AfterNovember 15, 1973 and Water, Physical, and Health Impact Features											
	Spring, Well, ¹ Suction Line, Pota- ble Water Supply Cistern	Pota- ble Water Supply Line	Struc- ture w/ base- ment, crawl space or footing drains	Structure without base- ment, crawl space or footing drains	Property Lines, Piped or Lined Irri- gation Ditch, upslope curtain drain	Subsurface Drain, Inter- mittent Irrigation Lateral, Drywell, Storm- water Structure	Lake, Water Course, Irrigation Ditch, Stream, Wetland	Dry Gulch, Cut Bank, Fill Area (from Crest)	Septic Tank, High- er level treatment Unit, Dos- ing Tank, Vault or Privy		
Septic Tank, Higher Level Treatment Unit, Dosing Tank, Vault or Vault Privy	50	10	5	5	10	10	50	10			
Building Sewer or Effluent Lines	50	5	0	0	10	10	50	10			
STA Trench, STA Bed, Unlined Sand Filter, Sub- surface Dispersal System, Seepage Pit	100	25	20	10	10	25	50	25	5		
Unlined Sand Filter in Soil with a Percolation Rate Slower than 60 Minutes per Inch, Unlined or Par- tially Lined Evapotrans- piration System	100	25	15	15	10	25	25	15	10		



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Test Pit Numbe Date of Logging	er: g:	Test Pit Number: Date of Logging:
Analysis of soils:		Analysis of soils:
Oft		Oft
1 ft		1 ft
2ft		2ft
3ft		3ft
4ft		4ft
5ft		5ft
6ft		6ft
7ft		7ft
8ft		8ft
9ft		9ft
10 ft		10ft
Notes:		
	Soil Type:	Engineered Design:
Is there a limiting cor	ndition with low perme	ability, ground water, bedrock, or other condition that restricts the treatment capability of
the soil?	Yes	No , Describe:
Calculations/D	esign:	

Soils Evaluation By:		Date:	
Permit Issued By:		Date:	
Final Inspection:		Date:	
	As Built Received:	Initials:	