



VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia.

Virginia Department of Health and Rappahannock Area Health District Onsite Sewage and Private Well Program changes effective July 1, 2018

This year the General Assembly of Virginia passed two House Bills, HB 887 and HB 888. HB 888 directed VDH to make specific program service changes that are effective July 1, 2018. HB 887 changed the definition of "Maintenance" for all Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems. For more info visit the VDH - Division of Onsite Sewage and Water Services, Environmental Engineering and Marina Programs: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage-water-services-updated/>.

Changes effective July 1, 2018

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King George County

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Stafford County

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Stafford, VA 22555
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- ◆ A VDH permit is no longer necessary for the replacement of the sewer line, conveyance line, distribution box or header lines. A permit **is required** for the replacement of tanks or absorption field components. Replacement occurs in the same component location whereas relocating any component to another location requires a permit.
- ◆ A DPOR licensed operation and maintenance provider **and** a DPOR licensed installer are allowed to perform maintenance.
 - ◇ DPOR licensed conventional sewage system installers can perform maintenance for conventional sewage disposal systems.
 - ◇ DPOR licensed alternative sewage system installers can perform maintenance for conventional **and** alternative sewage disposal systems.
- ◆ It is encouraged that maintenance on conventional sewage disposal systems be reported to the local Health Department by completing the "Voluntary Maintenance Report" (GMP: 2018-02): <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/onsite-sewage-water-services-updated/gmps-policy-product-approvals/>.
- ◆ In the **Rappahannock Area Health District** adding a riser and/or effluent filter is considered maintenance when completed with other maintenance or added to a conventional drainfield.
- ◆ VDH will accept designs for private wells designed and certified by a DPOR certified master water well system provider.

