Permit To Construct A Sewage Disposal System and/or Private Well

For property that is not served by public sewer or a public water system the owner must obtain a permit to construct a sewage disposal system and private well before the county building inspections department will issue a building permit.

If the property has an existing sewage disposal system, the owner must obtain a certification from the health department that the existing system is adequate for the proposed construction or must obtain a construction permit to make any necessary upgrades.

Beginning August 11, 2019, all applications for onsite sewage systems and/or private wells must be accompanied by supporting work from an Onsite Soil Evaluator (OSE) who is properly licensed to do such work through the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). Only owners who submit a petition for services and meet i) means testing requirements (household income does not exceed 400% of federal poverty guidelines), or ii) a hardship contained in the Virginia Department of Health’s Hardship Guidelines, will be eligible to receive evaluation and design services from the Virginia Department of Health.

For additional information about the process, contact your local Environmental Health office.

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