



HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Our mission is to promote and protect the health of the people of Lake County through education and the enforcement of public health laws

Guide for Existing System Evaluation

An Existing System Evaluation is sometimes requested as part of a loan application process. The purpose of this evaluation is to determine on an individual basis whether existing septic systems are functional and meet minimum standards of performance established by Lake County Rules.

Items required to process your application:

1. Completed application form and fee:

Please make sure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will be returned. **Current Fee: \$146.00 (for septic or water); \$194.00 (for septic and water). Lab fees are additional. See also well water testing guidelines.**

2. If your property is remote or hard to find, please describe in writing how to find it or provide a detailed map and identify the entrance to your property by posting the address number.

3. Site preparation:

Site preparation includes demonstrating the location of your septic tank(s). You will be provided a written checklist "Septic System Inspection Site Preparation Instructions" to prepare for inspection/evaluation.

4. Well water testing:

If requested by the applicant, an inspector will obtain a water sample from an outside spigot and have the sample evaluated by an approved laboratory (using chain of custody). The laboratory will be evaluated for the presence of coliform and fecal coliform/E. coli.

5. Minimum performance criteria:

There must not be any surfacing/discharge of effluent directly onto the ground surface. There must be positive flow from the septic tank with no backup to the tank or house plumbing during high groundwater conditions. There is an adequately sized septic tank for the structure being served. The septic tank must be accessible and serviceable. The septic tank must be watertight and constructed of approved materials.

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