

# Frequently Asked Questions On Private Sewage and Water Systems

## Who Do I Call For Permits?

- Septic System Permit – Contact your local health department and ask to speak to the environmentalist.
- Plumbing Permit – You or the person installing your plumbing system will need to call the local health department to get the office hours of the State Plumbing Inspector.
- Electrical Permit – Refer to your local yellow pages for the listing of the electrical company in your area. You are required to have an electric release sticker issued by the health department before the electricity can be turned on.
- Building Permit – To find out if your city or county requires a permit to build, call City Hall or the courthouse in your community.

## What Are The Steps?

- Prior to construction and/or the purchase of a lot, contact the environmentalist at your local health department to apply for an evaluation of the site on which you plan to build or move. At the time you apply for a site evaluation, it will be necessary for you to provide a location map to reach the site; a copy of your plot plan showing property lines and dimensions, location of existing structures and proposed structure(s), wells, ponds, gullies, streams swamps, etc., easements, roads, drives, rights-of-way; and proposed system location.
- After the site evaluation is complete, a certified installer will need to apply for an on-site sewage disposal system permit on your behalf.
- One copy of the on-site sewage disposal system permit is given to the State Plumbing Inspector, and at that time a plumbing permit may be issued.
- The water district having jurisdiction in your area may require a copy of the plumbing permit. If a copy of the plumbing permit is required before a meter can be set, you must take the copy to the water company.
- If city/county water is not available in your area and a well is to be drilled, you will need to contract with a certified well driller.
- Owners of lakefront property must contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 270-362-4236 to have flood easements flagged, as no permanent structure or septic system may be below this easement.

## What Fees Will I Have To Pay?

- On-site evaluation for your septic system is \$250. The check is payable to the Pennyriple District Health Department and must be paid at the time you apply for the site evaluation.
- Septic system permit fee is \$250 and is the responsibility of the certified installer.
- Plumbing permit fees vary according to the size and type of proposed structure. Contact the State Plumbing Inspector through your local health department for more information.