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Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) SETBACKS

Use these minimum setbacks to create a site map / plot plan for a septic system

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| 10 feet | From New Structures (can be 5 ft from existing structures) |
| 10 feet | From Property Lines |
| 50 feet | From Septic Tank to Water well |
| 100 feet | From Leach Lines to Water Well |
| 100 feet | From Unstable Land Masses |
| 100 feet | FROM EPHEMERAL STREAMS (SPRINGS / WATERWAYS)
Ephemeral Stream: A stream that flows only briefly during and following a period of rainfall in the immediate locality. |
| 150 feet | FROM PERENNIAL STREAMS / HIGH WATER MARKS
Perennial Stream: A stream or river that has continuous flow in parts of its stream bed all year-round during years of normal rainfall. |
| 200 feet | FROM WETLANDS / LAKES / VERNAL POOLS / POND HIGH WATER MARKS
Seeps are small, critical habitats only detected through site visits. Seeps or seepage wetlands are springs, pools, or other wet places where groundwater naturally comes to the surface. Seepage marshes can occur in association with wetland borders, in headwaters, and along stream drainages.

Vernal Pools , also called vernal ponds or ephemeral pools , are seasonal pools of water that provide habitat for distinctive plants and animals. |

Plan ahead – call ahead to schedule an inspection as inspectors may be scheduled out at least one to two weeks.

Do not assume you will be able to schedule an inspection on the day you complete system exposure, especially if you have a contractor or rented equipment on site.

Do not cover anything up until the inspection is complete & always take pictures as backup - no matter what!

The Site Map/Plot Plan must accurately reflect the location of your proposed system, Showing setback distances – you can draw it, print out a Google Earth map or any satellite map that shows the parcel, with accurate setback distances reflected on the map. Your application may be DENIED if the site map is not accurate. You will be required to start the entire application process over again, including paying all associated fees.