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STEPS FOR INSTALLING A SEPTIC SYSTEM

1) Soil Evaluation

The first step is to get a soil evaluation of your property by a qualified soil scientist. A list of qualified soil scientists is maintained and can be accessed through the Health Department website. Soil scientists are private business persons and do not work for the county.

2) Choose an Installer and a Septic System

When you get your soil report, use it to get bids from installers. The Health Department maintains a list of septic system installers to choose from. (Septic system installation is required by law to be done by a Pike County licensed installer. If you wish to install your own system there is a process for this as well, contact the Environmentalist at the Health Department for the procedure for doing this.) *note advanced systems are required to be designed by a licensed Engineer, the Environmentalist will tell you what type of system you are required to have, based on your soil evaluation.

3) Permit Application

A permit is required in Pike County for all, residential and commercial, new Septic System installations or repairs. Submit your completed permit application for the septic system. A \$115.00 permit fee is required at this time. Please make check or money order payable to Pike County Health Department. We also offer online payment of this fee found at: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/shop-pchd/shop/> The fee online is \$118.64. This includes a 5% service fee. Your installer will sometimes pay this fee and include the amount in your bid. Be sure to clarify this with them.

4) Review of Proposal

The Environmentalist with the Pike County Health Department will review the Permit Application within 15 days. The system and application will be either accepted as drawn or returned to the installer with required changes. Once the application is accepted a preliminary site inspection may be performed at this time.

5) Permit Issued

After the application is approved and the fee is paid, a permit to begin construction is issued to the installer. No work may begin until a permit has been issued.

6) Final Inspection

Installers must call for a final inspection before 10:00 am on the day prior to completion of the installation. Some registered installers may forego a final inspection, only after receiving specific permission from the Health Department. Homeowner Installers will always have a final inspection. No backfilling is allowed until final inspection is conducted.

Applications can be found on the Pike County Health Department website at: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/public-health/sewage-septic-system-information/> Registered Installers, Soil Evaluators, Licensed Engineers, permit application and other helpful information can be found at the above address.

The Pike County Health Department does not guarantee that permitted systems will function as designed and are not liable for damages.