



**Garfield County Health District**  
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**APPLICATION FOR ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PERMIT**

New System **\$276.00**    Septic Tank Replacement Only **\$138.00**    Pit Privy/Outhouse **\$138.00**

**All application fees will be doubled if application for permit has not been completed and paid for before starting work.**

**Owner/Applicant Information**

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Information**

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Subdivision/Short Plat \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Property (Sq. Feet/Acres) \_\_\_\_\_ Distance to Public Sewer System \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

Water Supply:  Individual Well  Spring  Public System \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of System \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to the  
Property \_\_\_\_\_

**Building Information**

(For sizing the septic system)

If Single Family Home:  Built Onsite  Prefabricated  Mobile Home

Number of Bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_ (To determine living capacity of the home.)

**OR**

If other than a Single Family Home: Type of Structure \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons/Day or Gallons of Sewage/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Sewage System Will be Installed By:  Property Owner  Licensed Installer \_\_\_\_\_

I understand if this application is denied, I have the right to request an appeal hearing before the Health Officer. I understand this request for hearing must be made in writing within 30 days of notification of denial, and that a hearing will be set within 30 days of the receipt of my request for hearing. I further understand that if the appeal to the Health Officer is not successful, I have the right to appeal that decision to the County Board of Health.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Availability # \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_



## General Information for Pit Privy/Outhouse

### ***Do I need to have a permit when building an Outhouse/Pit Privy?***

Yes in accordance to WAC 246-272A-0200: Any time you construct an On-site Sewage System on your property you are required to have an On-Site Sewage Permit. An Outhouse is a special type of On-site Sewage System that is allowed under certain conditions (recreational use only).

### ***Is an Outhouse/Pit Privy an Onsite Sewage System?***

By the Definition in WAC 246-272A-0010: An "**On-site sewage system**" (**OSS**) means an integrated system of components, located on or nearby the property it serves, that conveys, stores, treats, and/or provides subsurface soil treatment and dispersal of sewage. It consists of a collection system, a treatment component or treatment sequence, and a soil dispersal component. An on-site sewage system also refers to a holding tank sewage system or other system that does not have a soil dispersal component.

### ***What are the requirements for an Outhouse/Pit Privy?***

An outhouse/pit privy has to meet all of the requirements of WAC 246-272A-0210 this is a chart with minimum setbacks from various items see attachment.

### ***Are there construction standards for an Outhouse/Pit Privy?***

There are no construction standards, however there are a couple of things to think about when constructing your outhouse/pit privy. The first is how deep is the hole for an outhouse/ pit privy. This is usually about 5 feet deep. The second is how are you going to prevent the hole from collapsing in on itself?

### ***Can I use a holding bucket that is cut out from a 55 gallon drum for my Outhouse?***

If you use a portion of a holding container as a catch basin for sewage, you still have to dispose of the sewage that is collected in the bucket and this must be done with an approved On-Site Sewage System. You can use a 55 gallon drum as a side wall support for your outhouse/ pit privy as long as the top and bottom are cut out and there are holes drilled into the side to help with liquid flow into the soil.

### ***When submitting a permit application for an Outhouse what do I need to submit?***

When returning the application you will need to include the following items; directions to the site, a site map showing the location of the outhouse/pit privy in relationship to the recreational structure, include distances to any of the items mentioned on the attached minimum distances table if applicable, construction design of the outhouse, and a check with the permit fee. When all of these items have been submitted a permit will be issued.

### ***Do I need to inspection my Outhouse?***

Yes, this is the final part of the approval process. During the inspection the Inspector will verify distances and construction of the outhouse hole.

## WAC 246-272A-0210 TABLE

Minimum Horizontal Separations						
Items Requiring Setback	From edge of soil dispersal component and reserve area		From sewage tank and distribution box		From building sewer, and nonperforated distribution pipe	
Well or suction line	100 ft.		50 ft.		50 ft.	
Public drinking water well	100 ft.		100 ft.		100 ft.	
Public drinking water spring measured from the ordinary high-water mark	200 ft.		200 ft.		100 ft.	
Spring or surface water used as drinking water source measured from the ordinary high-water mark <sup>1</sup>	100 ft.		50 ft.		50 ft.	
Pressurized water supply line	10 ft.		10 ft.		10 ft.	
Decommissioned well (decommissioned in accordance with chapter 173-160 WAC)	10 ft.		N/A		N/A	
Surface water measured from the ordinary high-water mark	100 ft.		50 ft.		10 ft.	
Building foundation/in-ground swimming pool	10 ft.		5 ft.		2 ft.	
Property or easement line	5 ft.		5 ft.		N/A	
Interceptor/curtain drains/foundation drains/drainage ditches						
Down-gradient <sup>2</sup> :	30 ft.		5 ft.		N/A	
Up-gradient <sup>2</sup> :	10 ft.		N/A		N/A	
Other site features that may allow effluent to surface						
Down-gradient <sup>2</sup> :	30 ft.		5 ft.		N/A	
Up-gradient <sup>2</sup> :	10 ft.		N/A		N/A	
Down-gradient cuts or banks with at least 5 ft. of original, undisturbed soil above a restrictive layer due to a structural or textural change	25 ft.		N/A		N/A	
Down-gradient cuts or banks with less than 5 ft. of original, undisturbed soil above a restrictive layer due to a structural or textural change	50 ft.		N/A		N/A	
Other adjacent soil dispersal components/subsurface storm water infiltration systems	10 ft.		N/A		N/A	