



Septic System Permit Application Permit Package / Worksheets

A septic permit is required to install a new septic system, repair or replace any part of the septic system. The daily design flow needs to be 10,000 litres/day or below for the whole site.

Sewage Works is required if the daily design flow exceed 10,000 litres/day for the whole site. An Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECA) is required from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for a sewage works. [Environmental Compliance Approval process can be found online.](#)

Ministry of Environment, Park and Conservation keep [well records](#).

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND FULL SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS

A COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEM APPLICATION INCLUDES:

Completed Forms

- ☐ Application to Construct or Demolish
- ☐ Schedule 1: Designers Information signed by system designer.
- ☐ Schedule 2: Septic System Installers Information signed by the applicant.
- ☐ Applicant Authorization Form if applicant is not the property owner.

Required Documents

- ☐ Septic work sheets, plot plan and system cross section.
- ☐ Percolation time ('T' time) from a licensed soil testing agency
- ☐ Building Material Evaluation Commission (BMEC) or CAN/ BNQ "Onsite Residential Wastewater Treatment Technologies" approvals (if applicable)

Fees

- ☐ Septic Permit Fee

BUILDING ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION THAT AFFECT THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Renovations to existing buildings may reduce the performance level of the sewage system in the following situations

- The number of bedrooms in a dwelling are increased,
- If the proposed construction exceeds 15% of the gross area of the dwelling unit,
- New plumbing fixtures are added to the dwelling, or
- If the addition, expansion, alteration or change proposed encroaches on the sewage system or any of its components.

If any of the above apply, applicants must submit a completed septic application to Norfolk County Building Department for approval to renovate.

Project Address: _____

Septic Permit System Summary / Overview		
Applicable Law Documents Attached (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Authority Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Source Water Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Construction in Hazard Lands <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Variance <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Plan (raised beds)		
Total Number of Bedrooms _____ Total Number of Fixture Units _____ Total Finished Floor Area _____ m ² _____ sq.ft Daily Design Flow (Q) (litre/day) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential (dwelling) <input type="checkbox"/> Camp for the Housing of Workers <input type="checkbox"/> Other occupancy (Identify) _____		
Water Supply: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Dug Well <input type="checkbox"/> Drilled well <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Well Point <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Type of Native Soil: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Soils Analysis attached Percolation rate ('T' time): _____ Depth to water table: _____ Slope of land in tile bed area _____ %	Type of Imported Fill: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Soils Analysis attached Percolation rate ("t" time): _____
Class of System <input type="checkbox"/> Class 2 – Greywater <input type="checkbox"/> Class 4 – Leaching Bed System <input type="checkbox"/> Class 5 – Holding Tank		
System Components (Complete all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Septic tank capacity (L) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pump capacity (L) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Advance Treatment Unit capacity: (L) _____ Manufacture and Model _____		
Method of Distribution Pipe Detection <input type="checkbox"/> magnetic means <input type="checkbox"/> tracer wire (14 gauge TW solid copper light coloured plastic coated) <input type="checkbox"/> other means (please specify) _____		
Complete A, B, C, D, E, or F – Class 4 Systems Only		
A. ABSORPTION TRENCH <input type="checkbox"/> In- ground <input type="checkbox"/> Raised <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Leaching chambers <input type="checkbox"/> Type I <input type="checkbox"/> Type II Length of pipe _____ m <input type="checkbox"/> Mantel Required Mantel Area _____ m ²	B. FILTER BED <input type="checkbox"/> In- ground <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Effective Area: _____ m ² Contact Area: _____ m ² <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Leaching chambers <input type="checkbox"/> Type I <input type="checkbox"/> Type II <input type="checkbox"/> Mantel Required Mantel Area _____	C. SHALLOW BURIED TRENCH Type: _____ Length of chamber: _____ m
D. ADVANCE TREATMENT SYSTEM (BMEC & CAN/BNQ) <input type="checkbox"/> BMEC authorization provided <input type="checkbox"/> CAN/BNQ authorization provided <input type="checkbox"/> Service agreement provided Mantel area: _____ m ² Stone layer area: _____ m ² Sand layer area: _____ m ² <input type="checkbox"/> System specifications provided <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer's installation manual provided	E. TYPE A DISPERSAL BED <input type="checkbox"/> In- ground <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Length of pipe _____ m Mantel Area _____ m ² Stone layer area: _____ m ² Sand layer area: _____ m ²	F. TYPE B DISPERSAL BED <input type="checkbox"/> In- ground <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Stone layer area _____ m ² Linear loading rate <input type="checkbox"/> 40 L/m <input type="checkbox"/> 50 L/m

Worksheet A: Dwellings - Daily Design Flow Calculations (Q)

A) Residential Occupancy		(Q) Litres	Total
Number of Bedrooms	1 Bedroom	750	
	2 Bedrooms	1100	
	3 Bedrooms	1600	
	4 Bedrooms	2000	
	5 Bedrooms	2500	
Subtotal (A)			

B) Plus Additional Flow for:				
Note: Use the largest additional flow calculation to determine Daily Design Flow (Q). If none apply Subtotal (B) is zero.		Quantity	(Q) Litres	Total
Either	Each bedroom over 5		500	
Or	Floor space for each 10m ² over 200m ² up to 400m ²		100	
	Floor space for each 10m ² over 400m ² up to 600m ²		75	
	Floor space for each 10m ² over 600m ²		50	
Or	Each Fixture Unit over 20 fixture Units (Total of Worksheet B - 20 = Quantity)		50	
Subtotal (B)				
Subtotal A+B=Daily Design Flow (Q)				

Worksheet B: Dwellings Fixture Unit Count

Fixtures	Units	How Many?	Total
Bath group (toilet, sink, tub or shower) with flush tank	6.0	X	=
Bathtub only(with or without shower)	1.5	X	=
Shower stall	1.5	X	=
Wash basin / Lavatory (1.5 inch trap)	1.5	X	=
Water closet (toilet) tank operated	4.0	X	=
Bidet	1.0	X	=
Dishwasher	1.0	X	=
Floor Drain (3 inch trap)	3.0	X	=
Sink (with/without garbage grinder, domestic and other small type single, double or 2 single with a common trap)	1.5	X	=
Domestic washing machine	1.5	X	=
Combination sink and laundry tray single or double (installed on 1.5 inch trap)	1.5	X	=
Other:			
Total Number of Fixture Units:			

1. Refer to Ontario Building Code Division B Table 7.4.9.3 for a complete listing of fixture types and units.
2. Where the laundry waste is not more than 20% of the total daily design flow, it may discharge to the sewage system. OBC 8.1.3.1(2)
3. Sump pumps are not to be connected to the sewage system. Connection to sewage system may lead to a hydraulic failure of the system.

Worksheet C: Other occupancies types

Camp for the Housing of Workers	Number of Employees	(Q) Litres	Total
Note: building size, number of bedrooms and fixture count are not required for a Camp for the Housing of Workers		250	
Daily Design Flow (Q)			

Other Occupancy Daily Design Flow Calculation (Q)

To calculate the daily design flow for occupancies, please refer to Ontario Building Code Division B – Part 8 Table 8.2.1.3.B

Establishment	Operator Example: number of seats, per floor area, number of employees/students	Volume Litres	Total
Daily Design Flow (Q)			

Work Sheet D: Septic Tank Size

Minimum septic tank size permitted by the Ontario Building Code is 3600 litres.

Occupancy type	Daily Design Flow (Q)	Minimum tank size (L)
Residential Occupancy house, apartment, camp for housing of workers	x 2 =	
All Other Occupancies	x 3 =	

Worksheet E: Leaching Bed Calculations (Class 4)

Part 1: Complete All

Type of leaching bed (select one)

- ☐ A. Absorption trench
 ☐ B. Filter Bed
 ☐ C. Shallow Buried Trench
☐ D. Advance Treatment System
 ☐ E. Type A Dispersal Bed
 ☐ F. Type B Dispersal Bed

Percolation rate of native soil (T):

Name of licensed testing agency:

- ☐ In ground system
☐ Raised Bed system

Height raised above original grade (metres)

Mantel (if applicable) ☐ Imported ☐ Native Soil

Q/loading rate = _____ m² Configured as: _____ m X _____ m

Part 2: Complete One of A, B, C, D, E, F

☐ A. Absorption Trench

Total length of distribution pipe

Conventional $(Q \times T) \div 200 =$ _____ m

Type I leaching chambers $(Q \times T) \div 200 =$ _____ m

Type II leaching chambers $(Q \times T) \div 300 =$ _____ m

Configured as: _____ runs of _____ m Total: _____ m

☐ B. Filter Bed

Effective Area

If $Q \leq 3000$ litres per day use $Q \div 75$

If $Q > 3000$ litres per day use $Q \div 50$

Level II-IV treatment units,
use $Q \div 100$

Distribution Pipe

Contact Area = $(Q \times T) \div 850$

Mantel (see Part 1)

Effective area: _____ (Q) \div _____ (75, 50, or 100) = _____ m²

Configured as: _____ m x _____ m

Number of beds _____

Number of runs: _____ **Spacing of runs:** _____ m

Contact Area: (_____ (Q) X _____ (T)) $\div 850 =$ _____ m²

☐ C. Shallow Buried Trench

Percolation time
(T) of soil in
minutes:

Length of
distribution pipe
(metres)

$1 < T \leq 20$

$20 < T \leq 50$

$50 < T < 125$

$Q \div 75$ metres

$Q \div 50$ metres

$Q \div 30$ metres

(L) = _____ (Q) \div _____ (75, 50, 30) = _____ m

Configured as: _____ runs of _____ m Total: _____ m

☐ D. Advance Treatment System

Provided BMEC or CAN/BNQ approval, and manufacturer's system design documentation.

☐ E. Type A Dispersal Bed

Stone Layer

If $Q \leq 3000$ litres per day, use $Q \div 75$

If $Q > 3000$ litres per day, use $Q \div 50$

Sand Layer

$1 < T \leq 15$ use $(Q \times T) \div 850$

$T > 15$ use $(Q \times T) \div 400$

Stone Layer = _____ (Q) \div _____ (75 or 50) = _____ m²

Sand Layer = (_____ (Q) x _____ (T)) \div (850 or 400) = _____ m²

☐ F. Type B Dispersal Bed

Area = $(Q \times T) \div 400$

Linear Loading Rate (LLR)

$T < 24$ minutes, use 50 L/min

If $T \geq 24$ minutes, use 40 L/min

Area = (_____ (Q) x _____ (T)) $\div 400 =$ _____ m²

Pump chamber capacity = _____ L

Length $(Q \div \text{LLR}) =$ _____ m

Bed configuration = _____ m x _____ m = _____ m²

Number of Beds = _____

Distribution Pipe

Configured as: _____ runs of _____ m Total: _____ m

Worksheet F: Cross Sectional Drawings

Subsoil Investigation – Test pit 1. Soil sample to be taken at a depth of 2. Test pit to be a minimum 0.9m		
Indicate level of rock and ground water level below original grade.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Original grade 0.5m 1.0m 1.5m</div>	Soil and subgrade investigation. Indicate soil types

Cross sectional drawings are required for all septic systems 1. Location of existing grade. 2. Measurements to each component, distances to water table 3. Label each septic component.		
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Worksheet G: Septic Plot Plan

Please provide the following information on this work sheet:

1. Location of sewage system and its components (e.g. tank, leaching bed, pump chamber)
2. Location of all buildings, pools and wells on the property and neighbouring properties
3. Locate and show minimum clearances for treatment units and distribution piping of items. Ontario Building Code, Division B, Table 8.2.1.6.A. and 8.2.1.6.B.
4. Location of property lines, easements, and utility corridors.

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