



Private wells and septic systems must be inspected by the Chautauqua County Health Department pursuant to the Chautauqua County Sanitary Code.

We're here to help with a safe and easy transition

Clean drinking water and septic systems that meet current standards helps to

- Prevent chronic disease
- Promote healthy living
- Protect our environment



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Selling Your Home or Property?



Properties with a private water supply or septic system require a



Water - Sewage Survey



Scan for application and more info



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What to do?

Complete the application online by scanning code



OR



Call us at 716-753-4481 to have an application mailed to you.

Helpful Info **Septic**

Occupancy Requirements

- Permanent Occupancy – dwelling must be lived in continuously for 30 days before a dye test inspection and 7 days after a dye test.
- Seasonal Occupancy – can be granted for dwellings with limited seasonal use; they must be occupied at least 6 days within the 60 days before the dye test inspection.

Weather

Snow cover and/or freezing temperatures will delay a septic survey inspection until the following spring. Lawyers may set up an escrow account to cover the possible costs of septic repair or replacement in case the spring inspection reveals problems with the septic. Septic inspections are performed April 1st (weather dependent) until November 30th.

Septic Tank Pumping Information

- Must use a NYSDEC licensed waste hauler.
- Provide receipts/service documents for systems that have been pumped within the last 3 years.
- Dye tests/inspections cannot be completed until 30 days after a tank has been pumped.

Intense Survey

If one or more of the following applies, the property may be subject to a more intense septic survey:

- The Health Department cannot locate a record for a permitted septic (e.g. *septic was installed before records were kept or installed without a permit*).
- Septic permit is older than 30 years.
- Septic is in significant non-compliance of Appendix 75-A Wastewater Treatment Standard – Individual Household Systems.

Intense survey requires:

- All septic tanks, treatment units, holding tanks, pump stations, distribution boxes and/or seepage pits must be uncovered by the property owner or a contractor for the inspector to observe the system.
- The septic must be pumped in the presence of the inspector so volume and condition can be evaluated.
- The filtration and/or absorption area must be evaluated by an inspector using visual observation and dye testing.

Non-Compliant Systems

If a septic system is not maintained, is failing, or is in significant non-compliance:

- A written Notice of Violation will be issued.
- A Chautauque County permit will be required to correct the violation and must be obtained before the property transfer.

An inspector may require the tank be pumped before system approval. Once pumped, the service receipts and documentation must be sent to our office before an approval letter will be issued.

**A list of local contractors and service providers is available on our website.*

Helpful Info **Water**

Water Supply Standards

All drinking water supplies must meet Chautauque County Health District standards.



- Well casings must extend above ground far enough to protect the well from runoff contamination and be fitted with an approved watertight, sanitary seal well cap.
- A passing water sample must be collected by the Chautauque County inspector.

Permanent Disinfection System

If a water supply has an existing system or a new system is required, note the following:

- BEFORE a new treatment system is installed the proper Chautauque County worksheets must be completed by the installer and approved by our office.
- If an Ultra Violet (UV) light system exists or is installed, a spare light bulb must be available.
- If a chlorination system exists or is installed, a well stocked test kit must be available. Acceptable kits, approved for drinking water by USEPA, are listed below. Pool test kits are not accepted.
 - Hach Model CN-66F, Free Chlorine Color Disc Test Kit
 - LaMotte 3308-01 Model SL-26 DPD Free Chlorine Test Kit

Enhanced Treatment /Aeration Units

Enhanced treatment and aeration units, must have a signed continual service contract in place before an approval letter will be issued.