

Site Reviews for Previously Approved Drainfield and Well Sites

As a result of an action taken by the Flathead City-County Board of Health, effective June 1, 2007, all previously approved drainfield and well sites will be re-evaluated regardless of when they were approved. This will require the applicant or their representative to physically stake and label the approved drainfield site and well location, if there is an individual or shared well, as well as the proposed house site. All corners of the primary and replacement sites must be staked with at least four (4) stakes. One (1) stake for the well and at least one (1) for the house will be required. These staked sites will then be reviewed by representatives of this office in order to ensure the drainfield and well are properly located. This review process is the result of drainfields and wells constructed in locations other than those that have been previously approved. These changes in location can lead to disapproval of the installations or can negatively impact neighboring property.

Until the drainfield and well sites are confirmed, construction must not be undertaken. Structures have been built on drainfield sites, which can result in an entirely new environmental review of the property through this office and the Department of Environmental Quality, costing the owner additional money and time.

The applicant or their representative must contact this office after the site has been staked as required. Only then will a site review be scheduled. Sites other than those previously approved will not be accepted. A fee of \$100.00 will be assessed for each site review.