



Cecil County Health Department-Environmental Health Occupancy Permit requirements

Public water and sewer- No Health Department inspections are required for connection to public water or sewerage. Inspections are conducted by the utility that provides the water or sewerage, and the Plumbing Inspector.

Onsite water supplies- Any well construction defect identified in the review process must be corrected and inspected by this office. For new wells, a completion report must be received from the driller. All wells must be sampled for bacteria, nitrates, and turbidity. If any additional parameters must be analyzed for your property due to site-specific issues, the applicant will be informed of this prior to issuance of the building permit. All samples must be collected and analyzed by a Maryland certified water laboratory and all results must be reported to the Cecil County Health Department.

If you wish for the Health Department to collect your water samples, please allow at least 4 weeks to allow for scheduling samples and for results to be reported from the State Laboratory. Call the Cecil County Health Department at 410-996-5160 to arrange for Health Department sampling or for more information on certified labs.

Onsite sewage systems- For new septic systems or upgrades to the septic system specified by sewage plans issued with the building permit, the installation must be inspected by the Cecil County Health Department prior to covering the system. Any sewage system requiring a “BAT” nitrogen reducing unit must have the unit installed by an MDE and manufacturer certified installer. A list of MDE certified installers may be found at <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/BayRestorationFund/OnsiteDisposalSystems/Documents/Onsite%20Systems/MDE%20CERTIFIED%20BAT%20INSTALLERS%20REPORT05292015.pdf>

Requests for final inspections should be made 24 hours before the system is installed; however, requests are accepted up to 9:30 AM of the day of installation. Call 410-996-5160.

As-builts survey- Any new construction utilizing an onsite well or onsite sewage disposal system must have an as-built survey submitted to the Health Department. Please note that as-built surveys submitted to the Department of Public Works will not be forwarded to the Health Department. When late-winter grading deferrals are granted by the Department of Public Works, an “as-built without grading” must still be provided to the Health Department prior to approval of an Occupancy Permit.

Commercial/Industrial properties- Public or semi-public swimming pools, food service facilities, or food warehouse operations must have pre-opening inspections prior to Health Department approval of an Occupancy Permit.

Requirements as of 9/30/2015

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ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY CENTER	410-996-5106	HEALTH PROMOTION	410-996-5168
OFFICE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	410-996-5113	SPECIAL POPULATIONS MENTAL HEALTH C.S.A.	410-996-5112
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	410-996-5130	TTY USERS FOR DISABLED: MARYLAND RELAY	800-201-7165
DISEASE CONTROL	410-996-5100	EN ESPAÑOL	410-996-5550 EXT. 468