



# County of Erie

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### **Instructions for an Application for a Permit to Construct or Alter a Sewage Disposal or Treatment System.**

A fee of \$300.00 is required with your completed application. Make check payable to:  
**Erie County Commissioner of Finance.**

#### **Please remember:**

Do not send cash through the mail.

Health Department Personnel are under strict orders not to accept cash payments from anyone, for any purpose.

Make check or money order payable to Erie County Commissioner of Finance.

Send completed, signed application and payment to:

Erie County Health Department  
95 Franklin Street - Room 906  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Please see percolation test instructions on previous page side. Should you have any questions, please call the appropriate telephone number on the Environmental Health home page.

**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO  
CONSTRUCT OR ALTER A SEWAGE TREATMENT  
SYSTEM**

**FOR NEW BUILDS**, WE REQUIRE A COPY OF THE LAND SURVEY OF THE BUILDING LOT FOR WHICH THIS APPLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED. THE SURVEY MUST CONTAIN: EXISTING BUILDING LOCATIONS WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS, FLOOD PLAINS, EASEMENTS, SETBACKS, WETLANDS, STREAMS, WATER WELLS, ROADS, AND ANY UNUSUAL TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
OF BUILDING LOT \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

- New Construction (New House)  
 Violation (Correcting a documented violation)  
 Correction (Replacing existing system)

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Building       Residential       Commercial

Number of Bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check or money order, payable to the Erie County  
Commissioner of Finance for \$300.00 in payment for this requested permit.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:**

**Erie County Health Department  
95 Franklin Street - Room 906  
Buffalo, New York 14202**

I agree to construct and locate my water supply and sewage disposal system to meet the standards, rules and regulations of the Erie County Department of Health.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Advice to Prospective Home Builders for Private Wells and Sewage Disposal Systems**

The Erie County Department of Health is prepared to assist you, your plumber and your contractor, in the provision of satisfactory sanitary facilities for your home. But, to be of maximum help to you, the department should be advised before any construction is started.

To help solve your problem, this office will, upon request, furnish you with a design and sketch of atypical satisfactory sewage disposal system based upon the estimated sewage flow from your dwelling and absorptive capacity of the soil on your property, after the investigation has been made. A soil percolation test is required in order to furnish this information. To make the test, it will be necessary to have dug 20 feet apart in the area of the proposed disposal field, at least two (2) holes approximately one (1) foot square at the bottom and 24 inches deep. We shall arrange to have a representative present when you advise us that the holes have been dug. At that time, soil tests will be made and a system designed. About two (2) pails of water will be needed for each test. Please locate the lot in the field with a tall stake marked with your name. In addition, between the two (2) percolation holes, please provide one (1) auger or fencepost hole to a depth of four (4) feet.

When the investigation is made, the health department representative will take into consideration the proposed well location and it's protection from pollution. Sketches showing details of good well construction and sanitary seals will be made available. Consult with this department before a well is drilled.

If it is planned to subdivide property into lots, or purchase lots in subdivision, the owner should consult with the health department district office to assure that plans approved by the health department are on file. Such plans show the drainage of the property and satisfactory arrangements for water supply and sewage disposal.

This service is for your protection as well as to help maintain a sanitary environment in your community. We believe you will agree that it generally costs no more to do the job right in the first place. Please do not hesitate to call upon this district office at any time.

NOTE: The soil test holes which are one (1) foot square and 24 inches deep shall be presoaked the night before the test by filling to the top with clean water. Do not use the two (2) pails of water intended for testing, and DO NOT put water into the auger hole.