



**MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
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What type of septic application do you need?

1. Is the septic system failing? Is sewage surfacing on the ground or backing up into the house?
 - If replacing septic tank only—Septic MINOR REPAIR permit
 - If replacing drainfield with or without new septic tank—Septic MAJOR REPAIR permit

NOTE: A failing septic system must be immediately repaired to eliminate the public health hazard per OAR 340-071-0215.

2. Are you adding bedrooms, replacing a home, connecting a hardship home, or changing the use of a current building?
 - Septic AUTHORIZATION for re-connection to the existing septic system with no flow increase
 - Septic AUTHORIZATION for flow increase up to 50% of the existing system capacity or 300-gpd, whichever is less
 - If proposed flow increase is beyond 50% of the existing system capacity or 300-gpd - Septic SITE EVALUATION and INSTALLATION permit

3. Do you need to move the tank and/or drainfield to accommodate a building addition (without bedrooms)?
 - If using existing septic tank and changing location of drainfield - Septic MAJOR ALTERATION permit
 - If using existing septic drainfield and adding new tank - Septic MINOR ALTERATION permit
 - If installing a new system (beyond 50% of the existing system capacity or 300-gpd) - Septic SITE EVALUATION and INSTALLATION permit

4. Are you building an accessory structure (without plumbing) or an exterior addition (without bedrooms)?
 - Septic RECORD REVIEW

Accessory structure continued...

NOTE: If plumbing is proposed in the accessory structure and gravity flow to the existing septic tank is attainable, a septic permit is not required (Check for plumbing permit requirements). If gravity flow to the septic tank is not attainable, a Minor Alteration permit is required to install a new septic tank with effluent pump to pump to the existing septic drainfield. If an ejector pump is proposed to pump to the septic tank, the tank must be a two compartment tank with an effluent filter.

5. Are you partitioning your property?
 - Septic EXISTING SYSTEM EVALUATION for the existing parcel, and
 - SITE EVALUATION(S) for new parcel(s)

6. Are you adjusting a lot line between properties?
 - Septic RECORD REVIEW is required to insure that there is no conflict with the existing septic systems, including the replacement areas.

7. Do you want to determine what type of septic system is required on an undeveloped parcel or replacing a septic system?
 - Septic SITE EVALUATION

8. Do you want to install a septic system on your property and have a valid Site Evaluation approval for the property?
 - Septic CONSTRUCTION-INSTALLATION permit (may require detailed construction plans depending on type of septic system required.)