



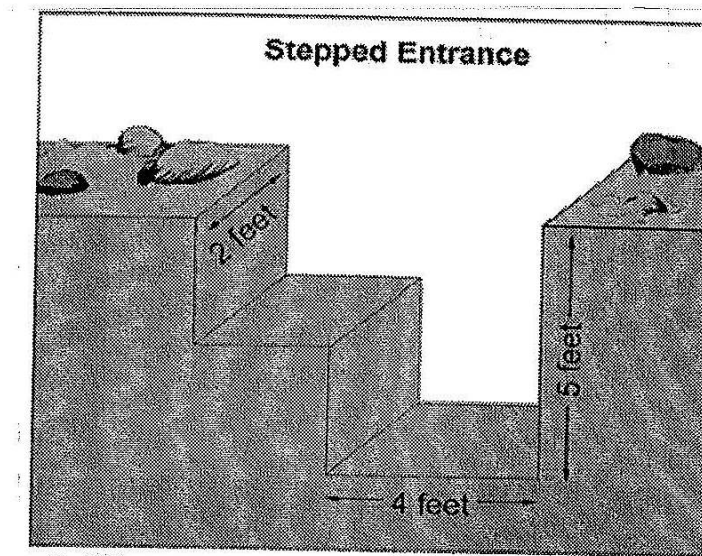
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TEST PIT REQUIREMENTS

Soil Test Pits are required any time an evaluation of the soil is required prior to issuing a site evaluation or construction permit. In order to adequately evaluate the soils, it is necessary to physically get into the hole and examine the soil layers. The minimum requirements for test pits are:

1. Number: a minimum of two (2) test pits are required.
2. Dimensions: at least two (2) feet wide by four (4) feet long by five (5) feet deep.
3. Location: one test pit in the area of the initial system and one test pit in the future replacement area and approximately seventy-five (75) feet apart. The test pits should be located approximately at or near the center of initial and replacement system areas.
4. To facilitate climbing in and out of the test pits and to minimize potential injuries, they shall be dug with one end of each pit with steps.

Providing Access to the Test Pits:



All spoils need to be a minimum of 2 feet from the pit edge.

When the test pits have been dug, please notify this office so that a field visit can be scheduled. A plot plan must be submitted showing the location and measurements to the test pits. The orange site card must be posted at the road access to the property and the test pits must be flagged.

Attached are the setback requirements that apply to septic systems.