

CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Application & Permit Procedure for Well Installation

The Department is responsible for preventing public health hazards resulting from inadequate well construction. Pursuant to Rules and Regulations of Chapter 500, §501 concerning wells, the following procedures are to be followed in the application/permit process for well installations.

1. A permit to install any well is required prior to commencement of construction of the well or of any building which will be served by the well.
2. An application for a well permit must be made on forms approved by the Department.
3. Upon submission of a completed permit application, the Department shall issue or deny a permit within seven (7) working days. (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded.)
4. In the event that the permit application is found to be incomplete, the application will be returned and the review period shall be fifteen (15) days from the Department's receipt of the supplemented or amended information.
5. For community and non-community public water supplies, the owner shall contact the CCHD Public Health Engineering Division (610-344-6526).
6. The application for well permits must be signed by a Chester County licensed well driller and shall be in the name of the real property/equitable owner. If the application is made by an equitable owner, a copy of the sales agreement must be attached to the well application.
7. All pertinent information must be supplied as required on the application form (CCHD-EHS-15). Distance (in feet) from the well to applicable sources of pollution must be shown on the drawing (plot plan). Distances from two (2) non-parallel adjacent property lines to the proposed well must also be shown on the plot plan. (See attached sample plot plan.)
8. Completed permit application forms must be submitted to this Department and accompanied by the necessary fee. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Chester County.
9. A permit is neither a contract for, nor a guarantee of, satisfactory water quality or satisfactory water quantity. A permit is not considered to be a final approval to use the well, nor is it a guarantee that final approval will be granted.
10. The well permit shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance if construction of the well and the structure that it serves has not commenced within that time.

If the features listed below are present or proposed on the property or adjacent properties, locate on plan and give distance from the proposed well to the specified feature:

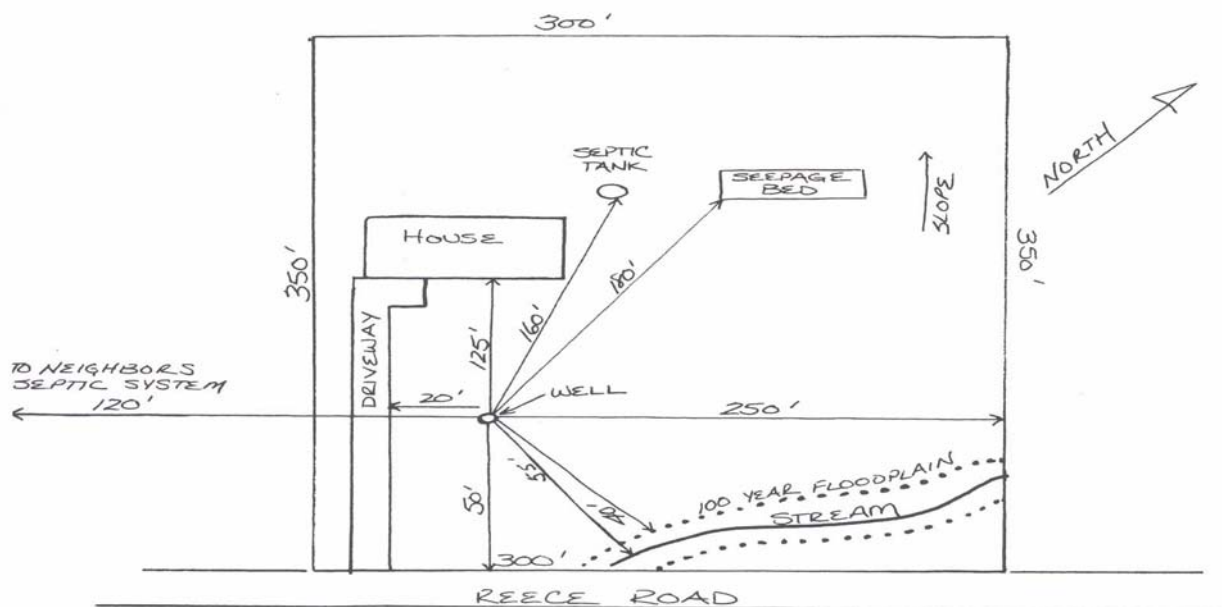
<u>Feature</u>	<u>Minimum Distance Required (in feet)</u>
a. Delineated wetlands or floodplains.	25
b. Lakes, ponds, streams, spring-prone areas or other surface waters.	25
c. Rainwater pits.	25
d. Storm drains, retention basins, storm water stabilization ponds	25
e. Bio-solids, disposal areas and sewage disposal sites.	300
f. Farm silos, barnyards, manure pits or tanks, or other storage areas of animal manure.	100
g. Any in-ground or above-ground sewage renovation area(s).	100
h. Septic tanks, aerobic tanks, sewage pump tanks, holding tanks or any other sewage-containment receptacle(s).	50
i. Gravity sewer lines and drains carrying domestic sewage or industrial waste – (except when the sewer line is cast iron pipe with either watertight lead caulked joints or joints filled with neoprene gaskets, or if solvent welded Schedule 40 [or SDR equivalent] or better polyvinylchloride [PVC] pipe.)	50 (10)

j. Sewage drains carrying domestic sewage or industrial waste under pressure - (except welded steel pipe or solvent welded Schedule 40 or equivalent or better PVC pipe or concrete encased pipe).	50 (10)
k. Preparation area or storage area of hazardous spray materials, fertilizers or chemicals, salt piles.	300
l. Surface or subsurface containers or tanks over 1000 gallons used for storage of materials which cannot be properly renovated by passage through the soil. This includes, but is not limited to, gasoline and all other petroleum products. (Except where tank installation meets current PA DEP Under Ground Storage Tank Regulations. Documentation must be supplied).	300 (100)
m. Surface or subsurface containers or tanks of 1000 gallons or less used for the storage of materials, which cannot be properly renovated by passage through the soil. This includes, but is not limited to, gasoline and all other petroleum products. For example, the type of tanks frequently found in homes using oil for heating purposes.	30
n. Graveyards, cemeteries.	100
o. Building foundations (except for buildings enclosing just wells and/or well pumps.)	30
p. Mobile Homes.	30
q. Wooden structures on concrete or dirt floors.	30
r. Driveways, parking lots or paved areas. (Except curbed driveways, [6" high min] parking lots or paved areas.)	10 (5)
s. Dedicated road right-of-ways.	15
t. Property lines, right-of-ways, easements.	10
u. Metal or masonry storage buildings on a cement slab.	10
v. Any other source of pollution.	as approved

1. The following information must be included in your sketch of the plot plan on the Well Permit Application Form:

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| 1. Property lines | 4. Reference to North |
| 2. Adjacent streets | 5. Direction of slope |
| 3. Lot dimensions (in feet) | 6. Delineation of floodplain (where applicable) |

The following is an example of the plot plan required on the Well Permit Application Form:



A complete copy of the Well Regulations (Chapter 500, §501) is available upon request.