



TOWN OF SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

HEALTH DIVISION
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Septic System & Well Permit Requirements

- Submit **2** hard copies **or** an electronic version of the septic design plan to the Town for review.
- Filter Fabric must be installed over the top of the system. **Enviro-Septic** systems are exempt from this requirement.
- Outlet Filter must be installed in the Septic Tank.
- 50 foot setback of absorption field to poorly drained wetlands.
- 75 foot setback of absorption field to very poorly drained wetlands.
- 100 foot setback of absorption field to Canobie Lake.
- All waivers reviewed and approved by the Town of Salem.
- **Wetland setback waivers for new construction reviewed by Conservation Commission and Planning Board.**
- Waivers involving state utilities must be reviewed and approved by NH DOT.
- Waivers involving Town Utilities must be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Dept.
- New Wells require a water test, results submitted for review and approval.
- Minimum of 48 Hours Notice for **Inspections** (Test Pits, Bed Bottoms, Finals, Wells).

Fees:		
Plan Review		\$100
Plan Re-submittal		\$100
Test Pit		\$100
Bed Bottom		\$100
Final		\$100
Re-inspection		\$100
Well		\$100

Residents and contractors may apply for permits and seek information during office hours:
Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5 PM.

The rules and regulations established by the State of New Hampshire DES Subsurface Bureau are incorporated in Salem Chapter 391 - Sewage Disposal Systems and Wells. A copy of the local regulations may be obtained at Town Hall or through the Web Site:

<https://www.salemnh.gov/331/Health-Division>

Please note the State of NH also conducts a final inspection. Contact NH DES Subsurface Bureau at 893-3637 or 271-3501 for more information.