

Mercer County Health Department

Septic System Information Sheet

Site Evaluation

Contact the environmental branch of the Mercer County Health Department to set up an appointment for a site evaluation.

1. Information needed:
 - a. Application (form provided): name, address, phone number, number of bedrooms in home, garbage disposal, basement.
 - b. Drawing (page provided): house location, property lines, easements, utility/water lines, wells, sinkholes, proposed driveways, and any other items that may impact the location the septic system.
2. Site evaluation fee is \$175, cash or checks made payable to the Mercer County Health Department.
3. Backhoe pits are **required** for the evaluation. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange for the backhoe pits to be present during the evaluation.

Septic System Installation

1. Septic system installation permit must be purchased before work on the system can begin. The fee is \$175, cash or checks made payable to the Mercer County Health Department.
2. A drawing of the proposed system must be presented with permit request.
3. Indoor plumbing permit will not be issued until the septic system permit is obtained.

Final Approval of Septic System

1. Final approval is issued once all components of the system are installed, including but not limited to: lagoon fence and/or backfill and installer's affidavits.
2. Two inspections are given for each system. If the system cannot be finalized in those two inspections, a \$100 fee will be charged for each additional inspection.
3. The certificate of occupancy granted by the Mercer County Building Inspector will not be given until all work is completed on the septic system.

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The environmental offices are located on the second floor of the Mercer County Health Department, 900 N. College Street, Harrodsburg KY 40330.

Scheduled office hours for staff are 8:00-9:00 am and 12:30-1:30 pm Monday-Friday.

State Plumbing Inspector Information

Mark Long, Inspector | (859) 734-7360

The state plumbing inspector is in Mercer County on Wednesdays only from 8:00-9:30 am. The plumbing inspector's office is located on the second floor of the Mercer County Health Department.