SC DEPARTMENT *of*
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Septic System Permit Process

1 Check Sewer Accessibility

Contact your local sewer authority to confirm if public or community sewer is accessible.

If not accessible, proceed with a septic system permit.

2 Submit the Application

Complete the Onsite Wastewater System Application (D-1740) online via the ePermitting Portal (*ePermitting.des.sc.gov*).

To prevent additional fees, please prepare your site before submitting.

3 Site Evaluation

A South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) inspector evaluates your site for septic system suitability.

Above the Fall Line? You will be required to have backhoe pits upon inspection. Check your location on the SCDES Fall Line map on our website. Sites below the fall line could be required to have backhoe pits.

4 Receive Permit

If approved, you'll receive a Permit to Construct (valid for 5 years).

If not approved, the inspector will provide alternative options.

5 Install System

Hire a licensed septic system installer (find one via des.sc.gov/septic, under "Find a Septic Contractor").

Before covering the system, the installer must schedule a final inspection with SCDES. If the inspector is delayed more than 30 minutes, the installer may perform a self-inspection using the SCDES-approved form. If the self-inspection is approved by SCDES, an Approval to Operate permit will be inssued..

Contact us: OSWWCenteral@des.sc.gov OR 1-855-731-2504

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Who to Contact:

General Questions

Questions regarding application process, timeframes, application questions, and holds.

Onsite Wastewater Customer Support

1-855-731-2504 | **OSWWCentral@des.sc.gov**

Professional Soil Classifier Submittals

Questions related to Professional Soil Classifier (PSC) submittals.

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Records/Final Inspections

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