

Septic requirements

Replacement house, “like for like” -

If you are planning to replace your house with a house of similar square footage (not more than 25% larger than existing) and the same number of legal bedrooms, the existing septic system may be utilized as long as an inspection by a licensed sewage contractor reveals it is in good condition, is not a cesspool and is expected to function satisfactorily. *The inspection report must be submitted prior to or with the building permit application to expedite building plan review.* If deficiencies are noted during the inspection, Environmental Health staff will work with the homeowner and contractor to determine the best possible repair. A septic permit will be required for certain repair work. If the replacement house is being relocated a code compliant reserve area may have to be identified by a site evaluation conducted by a qualified professional. Please contact the PBES well and wastewater staff for more information.

Replacement house, greater than 125% of the existing square footage and/or adding potential bedrooms:

Replacement houses that are greater than 125% of the existing house's square footage or contain additional bedrooms or potential bedrooms over the legal number existing before the fire, must be connected to an onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system constructed to current Napa County Code requirements. A code compliant reserve area must also be identified. A well yield test showing the well meets the minimum yield requirements of Napa County Code must also be conducted and report submitted to this Division for review.

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