

SEWERAGE INSPECTION PERMITS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. **Who needs a sewerage inspection permit?**

A sewerage inspection permit is required before an electrical connection will be made for any structure that has an on-site sewerage treatment system. Structures that are connected to a central sewerage system do not require a permit.

2. **How long will it take to have the inspection done?**

Several factors can affect the time it takes to have an inspection done, including the weather. It is currently taking one (1) to three (3) working days for an inspection to be completed.

3. **How will I get the results?**

The results will be sent to you in the mail. If you need the results quickly you can contact our office at 898-2535. Please remember that it takes one (1) - three (3) working days for inspections to be completed, so please wait at least one (1) working day before calling.

4. **How long will it take to get the permit after the inspection?**

If a system passes the inspection at the initial site visit, the permit will be issued that afternoon, or the following morning. If a system requires proof of pumping, the permit will be issued as soon as we receive a copy of the receipt indicating the system has been pumped. The receipt for the pumping of the system can be faxed to our office at 898-2523. If maintenance is required, a follow up inspection must be done before a permit will be issued. Please contact our office as soon as the required maintenance is complete so that we can schedule a follow up inspection.

5. **Do septic tanks automatically fail?**

Septic tanks do not automatically fail an inspection. Each system is inspected and will pass or fail based on a set of inspection criteria that our inspectors follow.

6. **Does the owner have to apply for the permit?**

Anyone can apply for a sewerage inspection permit.

7. Do I need to be there for the inspection?

Inspectors do not need access to the inside of your home. Unless you have a locked gate, a dog or a some other reason that would prohibit inspectors from accessing your yard you do not have to be present at the time of the inspection.

8. Can I receive temporary power?

Because it sometimes take a few weeks to have a system installed, we will make allowances for a time hardship. After you receive the permit to install your new system from LA Department of Health, you must come to our office on Koop Drive and sign an affidavit to qualify for this waiver. Please contact our office at 898-2535 to discuss this time hardship. If you are an agent/landlord and wish to receive temporary power to clean and/or show a home, you can contact our office to discuss arrangements for this.

9. Does the number of bedrooms in a residence effect a sewerage inspection?

Yes, the number of bedrooms in a residence is one of the factors we use to determine the size of the sewerage treatment system required for the home. A sewerage treatment system that does not meet the proper size requirements for the home will not pass the inspection.