

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM PERMIT**

**New Septic System on vacant lot with no buildings.**

### **A. Applying for a Septic System Permit**

Before applying for a septic permit, you must apply for a *Building Permit*.

You will need to complete the following for the Grant County Health District (GCHD) office:

- Contact a certified Designer or Engineer to evaluate your property (list available at [www.granthealth.org](http://www.granthealth.org)). They will fill out the Septic Application and design an appropriate septic design.
- Submit your **completed** Sewage Permit application to GCHD office, which includes the Building Department application number, with the required application fee. You may also wish to submit your completed Water Availability application and required fee at the same time (see the Water Availability application for components required for submittal). Water Availability is required for buildings that need a Grant County Building Permit and have potable water.
- Projects being served by a private well, must turn in a copy of their water well report (well log) showing adequate water. Department of Ecology maintains copies of well logs, their number is (509) 329-3400. If no well log is recorded, then a pump test will be required.

### **B. After your application has been turned in...**

One of our sanitarians will visit the site and review the proposal to ensure that the design meets code requirements. The inspector will work with your Designer/Engineer if corrections are needed. Once the design is determined to be compliant the inspector will sign the application, then a Start Permit will be issued to the GCHD certified Septic System Installer (see list of installers). The permit is valid for one year. When a GCHD approved Septic Permit and a Water Availability application is on file, the inspector can sign off the GCHD portion of the Building Permit.

If changes in the system design are needed, your Designer/Engineer will be notified by our office. ***Additional fees may be incurred.***

**If you need assistance, please call:** Grant County Health District 509-766-7960,  
[www.granthealth.org](http://www.granthealth.org)

#### **SETBACKS**

FROM WATER LINES  
BUILDINGS/FOUNDATIONS  
PRIVATE WELLS  
LAKES AND STREAMS  
PROPERTY LINES &  
EASEMENTS

#### **DISTANCE**

TANK AND FIELD - 10'  
TANK - 5' AND FIELD - 10'  
TANK - 50' AND FIELD - 100'  
TANK - 50' AND FIELD - 100'  
TANK - 5' AND FIELD - 5'