



Change in Percolation Rate Determination Process for Septic Systems

Effective September 1, 2015

The Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) requires an approved percolation test report prior to the construction of any onsite wastewater treatment system.



The County of San Bernardino, requires a home builder to either connect to a sewer system, or if a sewer system is not available, to construct an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS), also known as a septic system.

Vacant properties in the County of San Bernardino may have already had a percolation test performed and can contact DEHS to see if a design rate is available. If a property has an approved design rate on file with DEHS, a percolation test will not be required. To determine if a rate is on file, please contact DEHS staff who will perform this research at a cost of \$61.25 per search.

Please feel free to contact DEHS staff to answer any further questions you may have on this matter at 800-442-2283.