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## **SEPTIC & WELL PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Lot can be no less than one acre and 120' width of usable land for a well and septic system.**

1. All City and County Zoning requirements must be met before permits are issued.
2. To apply for a **WELL PERMIT ONLY**:
  - **Complete** attached application, and submit payment of **\$160** with application (\$80 for permit and \$80 for water sample). Your well driller must complete and return the well log before a water sample is taken, see back of well permit.
3. To apply for a **REPAIR** permit to an **EXISTING** septic system, submit completed application and payment of **\$180**.
4. To apply for a **SITE EVALUATION ONLY** to determine if lot is suitable for a septic system:
  - **Complete** attached application (front and back) and submit payment of **\$120** per each site/evaluation. (Contact EHS office for Commercial and/or new sub-division requirements and fees)
5. To apply for a **NEW SEPTIC PERMIT** the applicant must provide the following (✓ off completed items):
  - FIRST** obtain a zoning approval letter if new construction is in the County. If new construction is in city limits, call the City for their local requirements. Brooks County Zoning Phone: 229-263-5611.
  - SECOND** obtain a 911 address for the actual home/building being permitted from the 911 office at 229-263-4262. This is needed before permit is issued.
  - THIRD Stake** the corners of the building and provide a sketch/drawing showing all proposed structures, drives, proposed swimming pools, existing wells, septic systems, and general property layout. Also, note your preferred new well and/or septic system location.
  - Fourth Complete** attached application (front and back), submit payment of **\$240** for site evaluation and permit - add an additional **\$80** if a new well permit is issued (for water sample) for a total of **\$320**.
  - **Provide** clear directions from the health department to the lot.
  - A recorded plat or legal description of the property may be required before permitting.
  - Well permits are included if requested with septic permit applications. All water samples are an additional **\$80** each. Water samples are optional. To ensure proper bacterial treatment, water samples are strongly encouraged to verify your wells are free of bacterial contamination.
  - All additional site visits to the property may be determined as lot re-evaluations and charged **\$120** per visit as needed.
  - If the Environmentalist determines the seasonal water table is within **34** inches of the ground surface, as per state law, you may need to hire a soil classifier to evaluate the property before a septic permit can be issued. A list of soil classifiers can be provided to the applicant.