



Residential Soil Evaluations for Standard Trenches

When applying for a percolation test, please furnish the following:

1. **Tax map, block (or grid), and parcel number** This information is found on the tax assessment notice, or may be obtained from the Tax Assessment Office website at: http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/
2. **Current property owner’s name, address and phone number**
3. **\$200.00 non-refundable fee per residential building lot** Valid for one year from date of receipt (Area to be tested may not exceed 2 acres per fee)

A. **For an existing lot of record or proposed MINOR SUBDIVISION (less than 5 lots)-SUBMIT A PLAT, ENLARGEMENT OF TAX MAP, OR SCALE DIAGRAM SHOWING:**

1. Proposed lot lines drawn in for a proposed subdivision
2. Existing improvements, if any (houses, wells, sewage systems)
3. Wells and sewage systems locations within 100 ft. on adjacent lots
4. Contact Cecil County Department of Public Works and Department of Planning and Zoning to determine their restrictions and requirements.
5. A \$250.00 Health Department plan review fee is required prior to approval of the site plan.

B. **For a proposed MAJOR SUBDIVISION (5 or more lots) – SUBMIT A SURVEYED BOUNDARY PLAT SHOWING:**

1. USGS Topography, waterways, 50-year floodplains, prominent swales, critical areas, and slopes exceeding 25%.
2. Soil types according to the Soil Surveys of Cecil County
3. Existing improvements (houses, wells, sewage systems, utility easements, and other legal right-of-ways)
4. Wells and sewage systems locations within 100 ft. on adjacent lots

****It is strongly recommended that percolation testing *not* be performed until after the proposal has been reviewed by both the Cecil County Departments of Planning and Zoning and Public Works.**

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Please note:

- Certain soils can only be tested seasonally due to potentially high water tables. The seasonal test period is from February through April (applications will be accepted after January 1st)
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the services of a full-sized backhoe, and approximately five gallons of water per lot to be tested. Arrange to have the backhoe at the site early to have several holes open before the Sanitarian arrives. The holes should be downslope from the proposed house locations.
- Contact Miss Utility to locate buried utilities prior to the test date.
- If trees, steep slopes, stream/ravine crossings may hinder site access meet with the contractor ahead of time to ensure the area to be tested can be accessed by the backhoe.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to have someone at the site who knows the property boundaries.
- Subdivision of land may require a Groundwater Appropriation Permit (GAP) from the Maryland Department of the Environment. GAP applications generally take several weeks to process, so we encourage you to apply early. For more information on GAPs contact this office at 410-996-5160.