



Community Development Group

SEPTIC SYSTEM GUIDELINES

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I. **New Construction:**

- A. Except as otherwise provided below, all new buildings containing plumbing fixtures shall be connected to the City sewer system as required by Section 33-102, City of Glendale Code. This may require the applicant to extend the existing sewer system, at their expense, to provide a sewer lateral to the property.
- B. When City sewer is not available per Section 33-158, City of Glendale Code, a waiver shall be obtained from the City Engineering Department for the use of a septic system prior to requesting any permit from the County.
- C. The applicant shall obtain a Septic-System Permit from Maricopa County. A copy of the County approved site plan and construction permit shall be submitted to the City before a building or plumbing permit is issued.
- D. Building sewer system shall comply with Chapter 7, Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the City of Glendale.

II. **Existing Septic Systems and Building Additions or Modifications**

- A. Connection to the City sanitary sewer may be made if the sewer system is available. The use of existing septic systems may continue, even when a sewer is available, provided the system is not otherwise required to be replaced or enlarged to accommodate new construction and does not pose any environmental problems or hazards.
- B. All additions, modifications or repairs to an existing septic system, that requires a permit from the County, shall require the applicant to obtain a waiver from the City Engineering Department prior to requesting any permit from the County.
- C. Applicant shall provide documentation from Maricopa County indicating:
 - a. The County has approved the building addition or modification without expansion, modification or repair of the septic system, or;
 - b. The County has required expansion or modification of the septic system to accommodate the additional load. The applicant shall obtain a Septic-System Permit from Maricopa County. A copy of the County approved site plan and construction permit shall be submitted to the City before a building or plumbing permit is issued.
- D. Building sewer system shall comply with Chapter 7, Uniform Plumbing Code as adopted by the City of Glendale.

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III. Septic Tank Abandonment – Maricopa Water and Waste Water Management Guideline (January 30, 1998).

- A. Pump out the contents of the tank.
- B. After tank has been pumped out, one of the following must be accomplished:
 - i. Break the tank up and haul the pieces to an approved sanitary landfill. Fill tank excavation with ABC or clean, compacted fill.
 - ii. Remove the lid, rupture the tank bottom, fill tank with ABC or clean compacted fill and haul lid to an approved sanitary landfill.

IV. Abandonment of Drilled Seepage Pits

(January 30, 1998)

- A. Pump out all the liquid and haul to a proper disposal site.
- B. Remove dome top and haul to a sanitary landfill.
- C. Fill pit with ABC or clean compacted fill

V. Supplementary Information (Updated January 23, 2001)

- A. Additional information may be obtained from the Maricopa County web site at <http://www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/WATER/isds.asp>. The County Department of Environmental Services may also be contacted by telephone at 602-506-6666. This department is located on the first floor of the county building located at 1001 North Central Avenue (Roosevelt & Central). There is a parking garage on the east side of the building.
- B. See also the Unified Quality Water Permit Rule at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/WATER/newrule.pdf> and at the Arizona state ADEQ site at <http://www.adeq.state.az.us/lead/oac/stat.html#final>.