



Town of Salem, New Hampshire
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Septic System & Well Permit Requirements

- Submit 5 copies of the septic design plan to the Town for review.
- Filter Fabric must be installed over the top of the system.
- Outlet Filter must be installed in the Septic Tank.
- 75 foot setback to **all** wetlands. This includes the septic tank.
- 100 foot setback of absorption field to Canobie Lake.
- All waivers reviewed and approved by Salem Board of Health (Board of Selectmen).
- **Wetland setback waivers reviewed by Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to Board of Selectmen.**
- **Waivers involving state utilities must be reviewed and approved by NH DOT.**
- **Waivers involving Town Utilities must be reviewed and approved by the Salem Public Works Department.**
- New Wells require a water test, results submitted for review and approval.
- Copy of Well Release Record (**Recorded at Registry of Deeds**) must be submitted.
- Minimum of 48 Hours Notice for **Inspections** (Test Pits, Bed Bottoms, Finals, Wells).

Fees:	Plan Review	\$60
	Plan Re-submittal	\$60
	Test Pit	\$60
	Bed Bottom	\$60
	Final	\$60
	Re-inspection	\$60
	Well	\$60

Residents and contractors may apply for permits and seek information during office hours: **Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM and 4-5 PM.** The rules and regulations established by the State of New Hampshire, DES, Subsurface Bureau form a part of Salem Chapter 253 - Sewage Disposal Systems and Wells. A copy of the local regulations may be obtained at Town Hall or through the Web Site.

Please note that the State of NH will be issuing the final approval for the installation of all new septic systems. Contact Doug Smith, NH DES, Subsurface Systems Bureau at 893-3637 for more information.