

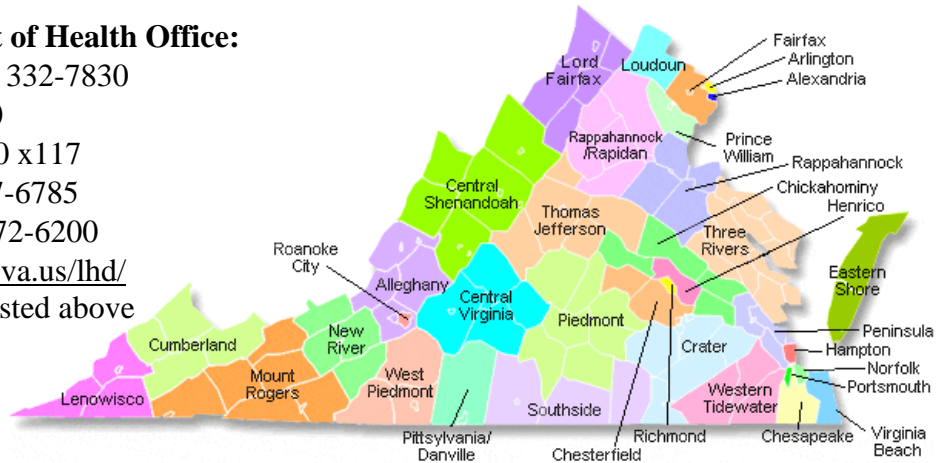
Steps You Need to Take...

How to get started on obtaining a new septic system

There are a few steps you need to take and be aware of when it comes to obtaining a new septic system. Here are 12 steps you can follow to make the procedure more efficient.

1. Call Local Virginia Department of Health Office:

- Central Shenandoah (540) 332-7830
- Alleghany (540) 473-8240
- New River (540) 381-7100 x117
- Central Virginia (434) 947-6785
- Thomas Jefferson (434) 972-6200
- See <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/lhd/> for any other district not listed above



2. Have Soils Tested

- By VDH
- By Private Authorized On-Site Soils Evaluation (use link below for list) <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/EnvironmentalHealth/Onsite/AOSE/AOSElist/index.htm> **OR**
- Soils Scientist (Contact Blackwell Engineering if you need names and numbers)

3. If Soil does not perk:

- Call Blackwell Engineering for Alternate Design: A work agreement will be mailed to you.
- Items you need to provide your Engineer:
 - Survey Plat
 - Soils

4. Go to VDH Office and submit application and pay fee

5. Site Visit by Engineer

6. Engineer will then submit complete design to VDH and send one copy to property owner

7. Obtain Contractor (list available from Blackwell Engineering)

8. Obtain building permit from County Building Inspections Office

*** There must be a Pre-Construction meeting between contractor and engineer before any construction!***

9. Contractor installs engineered septic system

10. Contractor sets up "Start-Up Appointment" on site between Blackwell Engineering, VDH and your contractor

11. Blackwell Engineering will issue a Completion Statement pending final payment of your account

12. Obtain Occupancy Permit (must have completion statement in order to do this)