

## Permit Procedures for Septic System Evaluations

Onsite septic systems differ from public sewer connections in that they are designed for a specific building size and occupancy as well as individual physical site characteristics. For this reason, be sure to address septic system design issues in your plans to rebuild damaged structures. The following list summarizes the most typical scenarios and the plans you'll need to submit to facilitate getting a permit to replace a residential structure.

Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Like-for-Like Replacement of Single-Family Residence	Modification of Structure or Building Footprint	Abandon Septic System and Connect to Public Sewer, if available
<b>What this means:</b>	<b>What this means:</b>	<b>What this means:</b>
Building a similar home on the same site as previous home*	Building a home that has a different floor plan or is in a different location on lot	Connecting to public sewer and abandoning the existing septic system
<b>What you'll need:</b>	<b>What you'll need:</b>	<b>What you'll need:</b>
Blueprints or plans that show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Previous building footprint and new structure footprint</li> <li>♦ Floor plans of old and new structures with all rooms labeled</li> <li>♦ The location and size of building sewer, septic tank, dispersal field and 100% expansion area</li> </ul>	Blueprints or plans that show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The previous building footprint and new footprint</li> <li>♦ Floor plans for old and new structures with all rooms labeled</li> <li>♦ The location and size of building sewer, septic tank, dispersal field and 100% expansion area</li> </ul>	Blueprints or plans that show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ footprint of new structure and location of new sewer lateral</li> <li>♦ location of old septic tank and dispersal field to be abandoned</li> <li>♦ verification of dispersal field design (hollow seepage pits and chamber type leach lines require backfill and inspection)</li> </ul>
An inspection report from a licensed septic tank pumper is required to confirm capacity and functionality of septic system.	An inspection report from a licensed septic tank pumper is required to confirm adequate capacity and functionality of septic system.	An inspection report from a licensed septic tank pumper and a copy of sewer connection permits from sewer agency and County Building and Safety Division.
A <u>Repair Permit</u> <sup>1</sup> is needed (\$190 fee <sup>1</sup> ).	An <u>Evaluation/Modification</u> <sup>2</sup> Permit is needed (\$410 fee <sup>1</sup> ).	An <u>Abandonment Permit</u> is needed (\$310 fee <sup>1</sup> ).
*When the new structure and old are the same size, or not more than a 10% increase in size and the new structure has the same number of bedrooms <sup>2</sup> .		

Information regarding old **building structures** may be available from:

- Architectural Archives located at 415 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara
- County Building & Safety Division located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

<sup>1</sup> Permit fees cover a specified amount of staff time considered typical for the type of review. Excess staff time required to process permits will be charged the current hourly of \$136.00 per hour.