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Garrard County Health Department

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Guidelines for Sewage, Plumbing and Building Permits

Below is a step-by-step procedure for obtaining permits for sewage, building and plumbing.

Septic systems must be installed and approved before the building is occupied.

1. Before buying a lot contact the health department to perform a soil evaluation. An application must be completed with the Garrard County Health Department. A backhoe will be required for the evaluation. The site evaluation will determine the suitability of the soil for an onsite sewage disposal system. *The soil evaluation fee is \$200.00 payable to the Garrard County Health Department.*
2. Once the soil evaluation is completed and a suitable area determined, the environmentalist will give you a report of the results and your system options. If a suitable area is not available there may be system modifications available to upgrade the suitability of your lot. ***This report must be submitted to the Building Inspector to obtain a building permit.***

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3. Before the plumbing permit is issued the permit for the septic system must be obtained. A list of certified installers in Garrard County is available by request at the Health Department. before the permit is issued the installer must provide the health department with a drawing of the system showing all component locations, any required modifications and grade shots on lateral lines. *The septic permit fee is \$250.00 payable to the Garrard County Health Department.*
4. To obtain a plumbing permit contact Isaac Clark, State Plumbing Inspector. He is available in Garrard County on Wednesday's from 8:00-9:30. His office is located in the lobby of the environmental section of the Health Department. He may be reached by phone at (859) 792-2153.
5. Other steps are necessary on any type of business or commercial building. Contact the Health Department for more information.