



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

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County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 15, 2025

To: Excavators, Surveyors, Engineers and Property owners

From: Heidi Benham, Manager *HB*
Well and Septic Section

Re: Status of 2025 Water Table Season - Closed

Our office has been closely monitoring water table levels in anticipation of opening the 2025 wet season for water table testing and restricted soil testing. Data shows that there is still insufficient ground water recharge and abnormally low water tables. Recent rainfall has not resulted in any substantial change to water table levels. Additionally, Montgomery County is in a D1 category drought (Moderate Drought) according to the US Drought Monitor. Based on these conditions, the wet season will remain closed.

If precipitation accumulation over the remainder of the calendar year results in a sustained period of seasonally high water table levels, then DPS will open the wet season. If this occurs, please keep in mind this may be a very limited window. If there is a change to wet season status we will notify applicants via email and update the DPS website.

If there is no 2025 wet season, any soils testing fees that have been paid this year will carry over to next year. Projects may not proceed with percolation or sand mound testing until there is sufficient water table data on record as required by County regulations.

For additional information, please contact me at 240-777-6318 or
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