



**DPS**

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Department of Permitting Services



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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY INSPECTIONS

Once an Application for Well/Septic Services or Permit and applicable fee is submitted, the applicant should contact the DPS Well and Inspector to request an inspection. Inspection requests may be scheduled by contacting the inspector directly ([Link to my Find My Inspector](#)) or by calling the Well and Septic Inspection line at (240) 777-6306.

### Well Inspection

If the property is served by a well, the inspector will collect two water samples. The water samples will be tested for bacteria and nitrates by the State laboratory. DPS receive the results within approximately two weeks. If bacteria is present, DPS is notified within 24 hours. If the water sample results are unacceptable, the inspector will notify the applicant and licensing agency of interim procedures for drinking water consumption and resampling requirements.

### Septic Inspection

If the property is served by a septic system, a visual inspection of the system will be conducted, and the septic permit records on file will be reviewed to verify adequacy of the system for the type of use (daycare, assisted living, restaurant, etc.). If the inspection or review of the records reveal the septic system is in need of repair, or the capacity of the septic system is inadequate, the applicant and licensing agency will be notified.

If all applicable inspections are acceptable, the inspector will recommend approval of the license via paperwork provided by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Office of Child Care. The paperwork will be forwarded to the appropriate licensing agency.