



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM

To: Excavators, surveyors, engineers and property owners

From: Heidi Benham, Manager
Well and Septic Section

Re: 2021 Water table season

The 2021 Montgomery County water table testing season will begin Monday January 11th, 2021 and tentatively end on Friday April 16th, 2021. **These dates are subject to change based on precipitation amounts and field observations during the testing season.** A water table test is required for all proposed sewage disposal areas. Upon successful completion of the water table evaluation, percolation tests (in non-restricted soils) may then be conducted any time to determine soil suitability.

The current water table test fee is \$475.86 per lot, per visit to the site by the County Well and Septic Inspector. A maximum of fifteen (15) water table sites per lot shall be prepared for evaluation per water table fee paid. Evaluation of additional water table sites shall require an additional fee(s) to be paid in advance of scheduling the evaluation(s).

The submission deadline for applications for water table testing shall be Monday April 5th, 2021. A complete application package should include:

- A completed *Application for Well/Septic Services or Permit*
- Two hard copies of an engineered test plan
- Applicable fees (initial plan review fee also due once at time of submission). Please refer to the current fee schedule. Please make checks payable to: Montgomery County, MD.
- Applications submitted for un-platted parcels must include an exemption memo from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to verify the property qualifies for an exemption to platting requirements.
- Applications submitted for testing involving subdivision, must include confirmation of application to M-NCPPC for the subdivision process.
- If the property has no legal address, applications must include an address assignment/verification memo issued by M-NCPPC. Please contact the DARC Division at 301-495-4609.

For additional information, please contact Heidi Benham, Manager, Well and Septic Section, at 240-777-6318.

