

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Wastewater Program

Environmental Health Services collaborates with the San Bernardino County Department of Land Use Services to oversee properties with septic systems in unincorporated areas, which are used where sewer connections are unavailable. EHS reviews septic certifications to ensure functionality and capacity for proposed projects. If a system fails certification, a Percolation Test is necessary.

Building or remodeling a property?

If your project involves installing or modifying a septic system, a permit will be needed. These permits are issued through the San Bernardino County Land Use Services, Building and Safety Division. Reviews related to septic systems, such as percolation reports, design rate research, and alternative treatment systems are handled by EHS. Applications can be submitted through Land Use Services through the EZ Online Permitting (EZOP) system.



Please see page two for detailed descriptions of various applications.

Get Started!

1. Create an EZOP account
2. Submit your application through the EZOP portal
3. Await your invoice from EZOP for payment
4. Application moves forward to EHS
5. Receive notification of application status through EZOP portal

Scan the QR code to register for your EZOP account



OR

Visit

wp.sbcounty.gov/ezop/

Service Description and Application

Onsite Wastewater Treatment System

Description: An OWTS, commonly known as a septic system, has the potential to contaminate groundwater and create public health nuisances if not properly designed or maintained. Improper system design or sizing can lead to premature system failure, groundwater degradation, and other forms of environmental contamination. For these reasons, proper design and siting of a septic system are essential.

Application: Application for OWTS Review

Residential Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Certification

Description: A residential OWTS certification verifies that an existing septic system is in good repair, meets current Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) requirements, and is properly sized to support the proposed residential project.

Application: Residential OWTS System Certification

Commercial Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Certification

Description: A commercial OWTS certification verifies that an existing septic system is in good repair, meets current LAMP requirements, and is properly sized to support the proposed commercial project.

Application: Commercial OWTS Certification

OWTS Operating Health Permit

Description: An OWTS Operating Health Permit is required for the ownership or change of ownership of alternative treatment systems, Sewage Holding Tanks, and systems located within Designated Maintenance Areas. Conventional septic systems do not require an operating health permit.

Application: OWTS Operational Permit Application/Change of Ownership Form

Sewage Holding Tank

Description: A sewage holding tank is a system that serves as an alternative to a conventional OWTS by collecting and storing wastewater for periodic removal. All sewage holding tanks in the county are required to maintain an annual operating permit with EHS and undergo yearly inspections.

Application: Sewage Holding Tank Application Packet

Alternative Treatment System

Description: An alternative treatment system is a system designed to provide wastewater treatment when a conventional OWTS is unable to comply with LAMP standards. All alternative treatment systems in the county are required to maintain an annual operating permit with EHS and submit a yearly water quality analysis and system maintenance report.

Application: Application for OWTS Review

