

Septic Permits FLOOR PLAN GUIDANCE AND EXAMPLES

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Why are floor plans important?

The size of your septic systems is based on the number of bedrooms in your house. A bedroom is *broadly defined* for the purpose of septic system sizing. The Health code defines it as:

Any room that is or may be used for sleeping. An unfinished basement is considered as one (1) additional bedroom for initial system sizing. A separate building without plumbing or running water may be considered as one or more additional bedrooms to a structure with plumbing or running water. The Department has the sole discretion to determine if a room may be considered a bedroom.

The Health Code also states that any space or room such as a den, study, storage area, or any area that can easily be converted is considered an additional bedroom. A floor plan, even roughly drawn and not to scale, illustrates what the owner is proposing, and captures why the septic system is being sized a certain way.

Can I draw my own floor plans?

Yes! Floor plans don't have to be to scale; they just have to be readable.

What has to be on my floor plan?

The floor plans need to show all the rooms in the house(s) and other structure(s) served by the septic system. A structure doesn't have to be connected to the septic system to be served by it. (For example, a separate, one room "dry" bunk house would be counted as an additional bedroom when sizing the septic system.) Include a drawing of each floor. Label all the rooms. Show the location of doors and windows. Floor plans need to be on paper no larger than 11" x 17"..

Examples of adequate Floor Plans



