



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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SEPTIC SYSTEM FAQ'S

Frequently asked questions:

If my house was destroyed by the fire and I move an RV onto my property do I need to have my septic inspected prior to connecting my RV to it?

- It is RECOMMENDED that you have your septic inspected. The septic system may include electrical components for pumps or treatment tanks. The distribution system is made of plastic piping or even plastic septic tanks and baffles that may have been damaged during the fire. Safety hazards may also exist on site from the cleanup effort due to damaged tanks, manhole covers, electrical equipment. In addition, the use of heavy equipment (loaders, trucks and dozers) in the cleanup effort could have cause damage to your septic system.

If I am going to rebuild my home do I need my septic system inspected?

- YES, after the debris is removed, you will need one of or a combination of the following: Authorization Notice, Existing System Evaluation Report and a construction permit depending on your individual circumstances. Please see the back of this page regarding the permitting process.

There is damage to my septic system, do I need to make repairs?

- YES, if septic system repairs are required to the system you will need to secure a repair permit from the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Development, Onsite Division.

Can I get a copy of a map showing the location of my septic system?

- YES, the Lincoln County Planning & Department has files of most septic system installed in the County since 1974. Unfortunately, these files are not electronically available; however, you are welcome to call 541-265-4192 or email lincolncountybldgdiv@co.lincoln.or.us the Planning Department for this information.

Helpful Links:

- Five Insurance Tips for Wildfire Recovery: <https://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/252672>
- Small Business Loan Disaster Relief Assistance: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Contact Information:

- Lincoln County Department of Planning & Development, Second Street Annex, 210 SW Second Street, Newport OR 97365 or by phone at 541-265-4192.

Process:

Please understand that Lincoln County is doing everything in our power to assist and expedite the process of getting you back in your home as quickly as possible. With that in mind, we are also obligated under State of Oregon Rules to ensure that it is done appropriately and in accordance with the rules. Without doing so, could place you and your family at safety risks and potential Federal reimburse/lending institution risk or resale complications in years to come.

1. Talk to a Planner. The Planners can assist you with structural and use limitations, such as RV's, single wide and outbuilding requirements. The Planners can also assist you with Zoning and Flood Plain requirements. Planners on staff include John O'Leary, Associate Planner and Onno Husing, Director and Planner for Lincoln County.
2. Obtain the necessary applications. Applications can be obtained at www.co.lincoln.or.us To access the correct documents, click on DEPARTMENTS then Planning & Development.
3. Submit the necessary applications. Applications need to be completely filled out and accurate for acceptance. Please keep in mind that other permits will also be required including: Building Permits, Plumbing Permits, Electrical Permits, Etc.
4. Once you get the appropriate permitting permits, you are ready to replace your building or structures.

Specific Septic Permitting Process:

- A. You have had an approved Authorization Notice within the last 12 months, or a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within the last five years and your system is not damaged.
 - Fill out the Septic Application and submit for approval. No fees will be charged, pending setbacks are maintained and the number of bedrooms remain the same.
- B. You have an approved septic permit including a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion and your system is not damaged.
 - Fill out the Septic Application and check the box indicating AUTHORIZATION NOTICE and Submit for approval.
- C. You do not have an approved septic permit or Certificate of Satisfactory Completion.
 - You will need to obtain the services of a licensed professional to conduct an Existing System Evaluation Report. A list of professionals can be obtained from the Planning & Development Department. Submit the report so it can be evaluated.
 - Fill out the Septic Application and check the box labeled STANDARD under the CONSTRUCTION PERMIT section. Most systems will be STANDARD systems. Submit for approval.
- D. Your system was damaged from the fire and needs to be repaired. Even if you already have an approved permit and Certificate of Satisfactory Completion this step is necessary.
 - Fill out the Septic Application and check the box labeled STANDARD under the CONSTRUCTION PERMIT section. Most systems will be STANDARD systems. Submit for approval. A list of professionals can be obtained from the Planning & Development Department.

Planning and Development Professionals will assist you with the process once complete application is made.