

***NEW HAMPSHIRE***

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Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules  
Chapter Env-Ws 1000  
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<http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/envws1000.pdf>

New Hampshire onsite regulations were last updated in 1999. Current regulations may be found on the web site above. The State Code is due for revision between 2007-2008.

A protocol exists for circumstances where a technology not listed within the state code is desired. Technologies must be reviewed and approved by I&A and/or the Groundwater Discharge Permit Program.

New Hampshire Code does not require management programs/contracts to monitor and maintain onsite systems or individual septic dispersal systems, and there are no plans to develop such programs within the next year. Perpetual maintenance on mechanical systems that have surface discharge is not required.

The State of New Hampshire requires onsite professionals to be certified. These certifications are a State Certification and are considered permanent certifications. Regular inspections are not required for investigating the performance and operation of onsite systems after initial construction. If an inspection is desired by a homeowner, he/she would engage the services of a permitted septic system designer, a permitted installer, or a home building inspector. The cost is unknown. All inspectors must be certified. All designers must pass a written exam and soils exam.

A permitted septic system designer conducts all site evaluations. Percolation tests and/or soil characterization test are required as part of the site evaluation. For information on conducting a percolation test, please refer to the following:

- Site review, test pits, Percolation test  
<http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/envws1000.pdf>

Permits are issued for the construction of new systems, for upgrading or modifying existing systems, and for repair of existing systems. The state does keep track of all issued permits. For more information please refer to the following:

- <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/>
- [http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/Subsurface\\_Menu.aspx](http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/Subsurface_Menu.aspx)

Query page

- [http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/Subsurface\\_Application\\_Approval\\_Query.aspx](http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/Subsurface_Application_Approval_Query.aspx)

Permits are not required for alternative/experimental/innovative technologies. However, conditional variation in the approval are common and are site and process specific.

No funding program exists to assist homeowners either repairing or replacing failing systems or installing new systems, nor are there any financial assistance programs available from any counties or communities within the State.

For information regarding onsite training in the State of New Hampshire, please contact: Granite State Designers and Installers Association (link - <http://www.gsdia.org>)  
76 South State Street,  
Concord, **New Hampshire** 03301-3520  
Tel. (603) 228-1231, fax (603) 228-2118,  
[clough@choiceonemail.com](mailto:clough@choiceonemail.com)

Additional various state-sponsored training is conducted by the following:

Regional training – NEIWPC at [www.newipcc.org](http://www.newipcc.org), or  
NEWIPCC  
Boott Mills South  
116 John Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
Tel. (978)-323-7929

Currently, there are no onsite wastewater demonstration, research, or testing projects are ongoing in New Hampshire.