



Residential Well-Drainfield Affidavit (Additions – Decks – Accessory Structures)

1. I _____
(Landowner) _____ certify that I am the current owner of record of Real property and the improvements thereon located at _____
(street address) _____ and identified on the County Tax Map as Parcel _____.
2. With this affidavit, I have submitted proof of ownership consisting of 1) deed of purchase 2) similar document providing proof of title/ownership of the real property upon which the proposed land disturbance and/or construction is to occur or (3) being identified as the owner in the Spotsylvania County Records through this affidavit.
3. I hereby certify that the existing septic system on the property is approved and that an operational permit is on file with, the Virginia Department of Health.
4. I hereby certify that, as part of the land disturbance and/or construction on the property, that I am not, either personally or through the work of others, altering the existing septic or well system(s), that the type of construction proposed will not exceed the approved capacity of the septic system, and that the existing system/s are not at risk for damage from the proposed land disturbance and/or construction activities, and that the construction will not violate Health Department requirements for minimum setbacks from septic and/or well systems.
5. I am aware that inspection of the septic and well systems by an approved private company is available to me and highly recommended before beginning any land disturbance and/or construction on my property; however, I have, at my own risk, chosen not to have the septic and/or well system professionally inspected. I am satisfied that I am able to determine for myself that the proposed land disturbance and/or construction will not interfere with, damage or exceed the capacity of the existing septic and/or well system(s), or violate any requirements set by the Health Department; that I understand the possible negative impacts to the property and the possible cost to me in the event of any damage; that I accept the risk associated with this decision and full responsibility for any damage to mine or to the property of others that may occur as a result of the proposed land disturbance and/or construction, to include any negative impact on the resale of the property.
6. I hereby indemnify Spotsylvania County, its officials and/or agents and hold them harmless with respect to any damage that I may suffer or cause as a result hereof. Finally, I understand that any damage, impairment or destruction of the septic and/or well system(s) on the above identified property pursuant to this affidavit shall not, by being self-imposed, constitute a hardship basis for any relief by Spotsylvania County to mitigate any consequence hereof.
- 7. I am in compliance with the State Health Department required setbacks from my well, septic tank, distribution box and drainfield on the reverse side of this document.**

I certify the above to be true

Signature of Landowner

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
Affiant

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Minimum Setback Distances for Wells and Septic Systems

Contact the Spotsylvania Environmental Health Department for more information on sewage disposal systems and wells.

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Spotsylvania, VA 22553

- = above ground
- = below ground

Setbacks:

- Foundation (crawl, slab) to septic system - 10'
- Basement to septic system - 20'
- Foundation to well - 50'**
- Utility Lines to septic system - 10'
- Swales, cuts, ditches to septic system - 10'
- Driveway to septic system - 10' recommended

Other considerations:

Septic systems generally include a septic tank, a distribution box and drainfield lines that may not be visible underground. Contact an expert to locate components if you aren't sure of compliance with the setback distances above.

Septic tanks and distribution boxes should not be buried deeper than 30" without special considerations.

The yard should be graded to divert all surface drainage away from septic system when construction is complete.

All roof drains, sump drains (non-sewer), footer drains, water softener discharges, and dehumidifier discharges should not be connected to the septic system and should be diverted away.

Any increase to the amount of sewage (such as adding a bedroom) or increasing the strength of sewage (such as adding a sink garbage disposal, disposing of chemicals/process waste, commercial uses) will require a permit from the local Health Department.

** Setback from foundation to an existing well may be reduced if there is an existing well already closer than 50' to a structure and the proposed structure is not termite treated.

