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## INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Horizontal Distance in Feet from:	Building Sewer	Septic Tank	Disposal Field	Seepage Pit	Subsurface Sand Filtration System	Mound System
Buildings or Structures <sup>1</sup>	2	5	8	8	8	20 <sup>2</sup>
Property line adjoining private property	Clear <sup>3</sup>	5	5	8	8	10
Water supply well on suction line	50 <sup>4</sup>	50	100	150	100 <sup>5</sup>	100
Streams, lakes, tidal waters, or ocean waters	50	50	100	150	100	100
Large Trees	--	10	--	10	10	--
Seepage pits or cesspools	--	5	5	12	--	--
Disposal Field	--	5	4 <sup>6</sup>	5	--	--
Onsite domestic water service line	1 <sup>7</sup>	5	5	5	5	5
Distribution Box	--	--	5	5	--	--
Pressure public water main	10 <sup>8</sup>	10	10	10	10	10

NOTE: When disposal fields and/or seepage pits are installed in sloping ground, the minimum horizontal distance between any part of the leaching system and ground surface shall be fifteen (15) feet.

When facilities are located near tidal or ocean waters, the horizontal distance shall be measured from the historically most landward location of the beach at the mean high tide elevation. Structures or facilities shall be constructed in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws to prevent erosion of the beaches and movement of the mean high tide closer than the horizontal distances specified above.

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- 1 Including porches and steps, whether covered or uncovered; breezeways; roofed port-cocheres; roofed patios; carports; covered walks; covered driveways; and similar appurtenances.
  - 2 This distance shall be increased to 30 feet when the system is located upslope of the structure.
  - 3 See UPC, Section 315(c)
  - 4 The distance may be reduced to not less than twenty-five (25) feet when approved metallic piping is installed. Where special hazards are involved, the distance required shall be increased, as may be directed by the County Health Officer or the Administrative Authority.
  - 5 This distance shall be increased to 150 feet when seepage pits are used as a component of the system.
  - 6 Plus two (2) feet for each additional foot of depth in excess of one (1) foot below the bottom of the drain line (See UPC, Section I-6(i)).
  - 7 See UPC, Section 1108
  - 8 For parallel construction. For crossings, approval by the Administrative Authority is required.