The Health Department will only accept complete applications for processing. Before you apply, ensure you have acquired your parcel number from the Assessor’s office. You can contact them at (509) 773-3715. The site evaluation fee is $300 and expected when you submit the application. The fee is non-refundable after services have been provided.

The first step is to hire an excavator to excavate the perc holes. If you have the equipment, you may dig the holes yourself. Remember to call 811 for locates before you dig! **Dig two holes for the primary dispersal area and two holes for the reserve area, four total.** The test pits should be dug approximately 50 feet apart from each other and no more than 100 feet. All test pits should be 100 feet away from wells & surface water. If the site is sloped, dig two upslope and two downslope. You can also ask to have the sanitarian present during the excavation of the holes as well.

**We also ask that you clearly flag, stake, or mark the following areas:**

- Proposed house location or additional structures
- Proposed or existing well location (if applicable)
- Existing utilities (if any) & easements
- Property lines
- Driveway/Access location

Once the holes are dug, contact the Health Department to schedule the evaluation. The sanitarian will evaluate the soils and the home-site for the appropriate location and type of septic system. **Results take an average of 14 days from the site visit so please plan accordingly.**

Different types of soil absorb wastewater at different rates and the soil type will determine the size of the dispersal area needed to properly dispose and treat wastewater prior to a perched water table, groundwater, or a restrictive layer.

**Below are a few examples of how to dig test pits.**
APPLICANT AND SITE INFORMATION

Name:________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:______________________________________________
City:________________________________State:________Zip:________
Phone:________________________Email:__________________________

Property Owner:______________________________________________
Tax Parcel Number:____________________________________________
Site Address:__________________________________________________
Directions to the property:_______________________________________

SOURCE OF SEWAGE/USE
☐ Residential  ☐ Multi-Family  ☐ Commercial
☐ Food Service
Other:________________________________________________________

WATER SUPPLY
☐ Existing  ☐ New  ☐ Future

SOURCE
☐ Well  ☐ Spring  ☐ Shared Well
☐ Public Water System:________________________________________

Owner/Applicant Statement: I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby assume all responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained herein and grant Klickitat County Health Department staff permission to enter the above listed property for the purpose of this application.

Signature:__________________________________Date:____________

HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE ONLY
Date Received:_________Receipt #:_________ID #:_________Test Holes Ready?______

Goldendale Office
228 West Main Street
MS-CH 14
Goldendale, WA 98620
509-773-4565

Klickitat County Health Department
Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm

White Salmon Office
501 NE Washington St/ PO Box 159
White Salmon, WA 98672
509-493-1558
Please provide some preliminary information regarding the site.

**Vicinity Sketch (directions to the property)**

Please indicate the following on both the vicinity sketch and the site plan sketch.

- Building size and location
- Driveway
- Water system pipes
- All domestic water supplies (wells)
- Bodies of water
- Property size
- Property lines
- Distance from structures and out buildings
- Distance from wells
- Distance from other sewage system components
- Desired area for sewage system and reserve area
- Location of test pits
- All legal easements on the property
- Direction of slope
- Grade of slope (expressed in degrees or percent)
- Adjacent roads

Draw your site plan. If the property is less than 2 acres, the plan must be to scale. **SEE EXAMPLE SKETCHES ON THE NEXT PAGE.**
## MINIMUM HORIZONTAL SETBACKS

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<tr>
<th>Items Requiring Setback</th>
<th>From edge of soil dispersal component and reserve area</th>
<th>From sewage tank and distribution box</th>
<th>From building sewer and non-perforated distribution pipe</th>
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*The item is down-gradient when the liquid will flow toward it upon encountering a water table or restrictive layer. The item is up-gradient when the liquid will flow away from it upon entering a water table or restrictive layer.*