



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: December 5, 2024

To: Excavators, Surveyors, Engineers and Property owners

From: Heidi Benham, Manager *HB*  
Well and Septic Section

Re: 2025 Water Table Season

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Applications are currently being accepted for the 2025 Montgomery County water table testing season. The wet season will open when groundwater levels have reached appropriate levels. The tentative submission deadline and wet season closing date is to be determined based on the opening of wet season. **For updates, please check the [DPS Soils Testing webpage](#).** A water table test is required for a proposed sewage disposal area. Upon successful completion of the water table evaluation, sand mound or percolation tests (in non-restricted soils) may be conducted any time.

**Applications must be submitted electronically via [DPS eServices](#).** Submissions will not be reviewed until all required documents and plans have been submitted, and required fees have been paid. A complete application submission includes the following:

- **An engineered test plan.**
- **Applicable fees.** Fees must be paid in advance of conducting additional tests.
  - **Initial Plan Review Fee: \$551.56 per lot, and per proposed septic area,** regardless of the intended purpose of the proposed SRA.
  - **Water Table test fee: \$475.86 per lot, per visit, and per proposed septic area**
  - **Percolation test fee: \$843.57 per lot, per visit, and per proposed septic area**

**Other items:**

- **Address Assignment:** If the property has no legal address, you must submit an address assignment or verification memo issued by M-NCPPC. Please contact the DARC Division at 301-495-4609.
- **Subdivision Exemption** – Applications submitted for un-platted parcels that are exempt from platting requirements should include an exemption letter from M-NCPPC.
- **Proposed Subdivisions:**
  - **Requiring a Preliminary Plan** - Confirmation of application to M-NCPPC for subdivision which requires submission of a Concept Plan or Pre-Prelim. Plan.
  - **Requiring an Administrative Subdivision Plan** - Confirmation of application to M-NCPPC for subdivision which requires submission of a Concept Plan or Pre-Prelim. Plan, **OR** a signed letter from the property owner accepting responsibility and risk for conducting water table testing prior to submitting an application to M-NCPPC.

For additional information, please contact Heidi Benham, Manager, Well and Septic Section, at 240-777-6318 or [Heidi.benham@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Heidi.benham@montgomerycountymd.gov)