



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

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County Executive

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Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Septic System Installers, Builders, and Property Owners

VIA: Linda Kobylski, Division Chief *lk*
Division of Land Development

FROM: Heidi Benham, Manager
Well and Septic Section

RE: Septic Tank Universal Safety Screens

Effective January 1, 2025, all septic tanks installed or upgraded in Montgomery County, must include installation of, or be retrofitted with, a universal manhole safety screen.

Prompt implementation of this requirement shall provide a critical secondary means to protect humans and animals from injury or death in the event a manhole lid becomes damaged or otherwise 'unsafe' (i.e., lid improperly secured, or lid left open/unattended).

Any universal or manufacturer-specific safety screen may be installed, including but not limited to a PolyLok universal safety screen, Infiltrator EZsnap safety screen, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi.Benham@montgomerycountymd.gov or by phone at 240-777-6318.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

