



How to Locate a Septic Tank



The process to locate a septic tank on property varies by the year a home was built and whether a copy of the septic permit is available. Please select the scenario below and follow its guidance.

For homes built in the last five (5) years or less

Contact the [local DHEC office](#) to see if they have a copy of your septic tank permit on file.

Provide as much of the information below to speed up the search:

- Tax map number
- Lot number
- Block number
- Physical address
- Date system was installed or home was built (if known)
- Name of original permit holder (if known)
- Subdivision name (if located in a subdivision)

Any person or organization—whether they own the property or not—can request a copy of a septic tank permit from a [local DHEC office](#).

For homes older than five (5) years or if a copy of the septic permit was not able to be located.

Please contact a licensed septic contractor to visit the property and assist in identifying the existing septic system. A list of licensed septic installers can be found [here](#).

