



Additional Requirements for Food Service Establishments with Onsite Water Supplies and Wastewater Treatment Systems



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If your food service establishment will be served by an onsite water supply and/or wastewater treatment system, additional requirements must be met beyond Subpart 14-1: Food Service Establishments.

These requirements do NOT apply to establishments served by municipal water supplies and wastewater treatment systems.

Onsite Water Supplies

Development of any new public water supply requires new source water testing as well as an engineering plan review and approval. Permanent disinfection systems are required for all new public water supplies. Additional treatment may also be necessary depending on the results of the source water testing.

When estimated development costs are less than \$5,000, the treatment plans may be prepared by the owner or water treatment supplier. For more extensive treatment systems, costing more than \$5,000, plans must be prepared by a NYS licensed professional engineer.

Please contact our Water Resource Specialist, Timothy Zerfas at (716) 701-3388 for more information or to discuss the specifics of your situation.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

Due to wastewater volume, food service establishments will typically require the services of a NYS licensed professional engineer to develop plans for the construction of the new wastewater treatment system. These plans must be submitted to the health department for review and approval. A SPDES permit may also be required from the NYSDEC depending on the system design flow.

It may be possible to use an existing wastewater treatment system if it meets all state and county design requirements. If you decide to use an existing system, it may need to be partially uncovered and evaluated by your engineer to document its size and condition, and modifications may be required.

Please contact your nearest health department office if you have any questions.

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