

NEW SEPTIC RULES

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All permits are now issued by the State of Vermont. The Town of Norwich no longer has the authority to issue septic permits for new systems, replacement systems, or repairs.

The Norwich Zoning & Planning Office will continue to provide information on existing installed systems and provide guidance on permitting issues.

For more information, please call the State of Vermont Permit Specialist at 802-885-8855 or the District Engineer at 802-885-8849 with any questions about permits and septic system rules. The complete rules are also available at:

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/rules.htm#os>

Minor Repairs or Replacements do not require a state permit:

§1-201 Definitions

(38) **Minor Repair or Replacement** – means:

- (A) For wastewater systems, the repair or replacement of a pipe leading from a building or structure to the septic tank, replacement of a septic tank, repair or replacement of a pump and/or associated valves, switches and controls, the repair or replacement of a toilet, or any other repair or replacement that the Secretary, on a case by case basis, determines to be a minor repair or replacement.
- (B) For potable water supplies, the repair or replacement of an individual pipe leading from a building or structure to a well, repair or replacement of a pump, repair or replacement of filters or screens, repair or replacement of a mechanical component, deepening or hydrofracturing a well, repair or replacement of a lavatory, or any other repair that the Secretary, on a case by case basis, determines to be a minor repair or replacement. Note: replacement of a distribution system, or replacement of piping related to a change in use, increase in design flow, or change in operational requirements of the water system are not normally considered minor repairs or replacements.

The Norwich Zoning & Planning Office has a list available of licensed wastewater system designers currently designing systems in Norwich.

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