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Are you looking to build a new house?

Septic System:

For building a house, you will need to have a septic system installed if you cannot connect to city sewer. Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code requires, “A sanitary sewer is available for connection when it is within 300 feet of a residential property, unless a physical barrier or local ordinance exists that prevents connection to the sewer.” Cities and towns may also have more stringent regulations, so it is important to check with them first. This includes being so far outside of city limits as some cities require connection up to 500 feet outside of city limits, possibly more. Septic systems must be installed in accordance with the Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code and Ogle County Private Sewage Ordinance. The zoning department will need a copy of the septic permit to issue the building permit.

What steps should I take for the septic system?

- Talk to an IL and Ogle County licensed septic installer(s). IL licensed installers not licensed in Ogle County currently can easily become licensed in Ogle County. If you need a list of installers, the department can print one out for you.
- The septic installer you hire will get soil samples done by a Soil Classifier. (You can also hire a soil classifier first if you wish, however, there must be a minimum of 3 soil borings and the septic field goes within those borings. The department recommends hiring the septic installer first, because of this.)
- The septic installer will get the results of the soils borings and be able to come up with the appropriate septic system. They will be the ones to apply for the septic permit and let you know what information they will need from you including site and house plans.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/health_department/septic.php

Well:

For building a house, you will need to have a source of water either from a private well or city water source. For wells, if there is reasonable connection to a city water source, it must be connected. Many cities and towns have more stringent requirements for connection, so again, it is important to check with them first. This includes being so far outside of city limits as some cities require connection up to 500 feet outside of city limits, possibly more. All wells installed must adhere to Illinois Water Well Construction Code, Illinois Water Well Pump Installation Code and Ogle County Water Supply, Wells Code.

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What steps should I take for the private well?

- Talk to an IL licensed well driller and pump installer. If you do not know of any, the department can give you a list.
- The well driller/pump installer will complete the application for you and submit it to the health department for approval.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/health_department/safe_drinking_water.php

Distances:

Distances from Private well to Private Septic System:

- Septic tank to private well: 50 Feet
- Septic tank to conventional septic field: 75 Feet

Pool Distances:

- Septic tank and field to inground pool: 25 Feet
- Septic Tank and field to above ground pool: 10 feet

For all distances, please visit the following:

- <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700905ZZ9996adR.html>
- <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700920ZZ9998CR.html>
- https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/oglecountyil/latest/oglecounty_il/0-0-0-2331

If you have any questions, please contact 815-562-6976.