



# Park County Planning & Zoning

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App. #: SEP \_\_\_\_\_

## SMALL WASTEWATER SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION (18 pages) Fee: Varies

A septic permit application is required for any new construction/install, replacement or repair of a conventional small wastewater treatment facility (<2,000 gallons of domestic sewage per day) within unincorporated areas of Park County. **This application package was created by Park County and contains several pages and elements found in the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division's "Conventional Septic Systems Application Package for a Permit to Construct."** **Submission of this application package does not constitute permission to proceed with construction.**

A septic permit must be issued by Park County before activity can commence. As-builts are subject to an investigation fee. A Permit to Construct expires 365 days from the date approved if construction of the system has not commenced.

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b> | <b>OWNER INFORMATION (if different from applicant):</b> |
| Name: _____                   | Name: _____   |
| Mailing Address: _____        | Mailing Address: _____                                  |
| Phone: _____                  | Phone: _____  |
| Email: _____                  | Email: _____  |

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Not addressed

Property ID # or Deed Recording #: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to property: \_\_\_\_\_

Twp: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ ¼ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot/Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision Name (if applicable\*): \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please refer to any covenants/agreements/special conditions that may apply to development within the subdivision.

**PROPOSED SYSTEM IS A(N):**

\_\_\_ New System (\$250)

\_\_\_ Modified/Repaired System (\$125)

\_\_\_ Replacement System (\$250)

\_\_\_ As-Built (\$1,000 + application fee above + investigation fee)

**PROPOSED SYSTEM WILL SERVE:**

\_\_\_ Single Family Home

\_\_\_ Mobile Home

\_\_\_ Multi-Family Home/Duplex/Apt

\_\_\_ Commercial: \_\_\_\_\_

**SYSTEM DESIGNED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SYSTEM INSTALLER INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRINKING WATER SOURCE:**

\_\_\_ Cistern

\_\_\_ Private Well

\_\_\_ Community Well

\_\_\_ Municipal/District Source

**The following items must be submitted as part of your application package:**

- Pages 1-2: Application
- Page 3: Site Suitability
- Page 4: Site Plan Drawing
- Page 6: Percolation Test Data Sheet
- Page 7: Septic Tank and Piping Worksheet
- Page 8: Leach Field Sizing Worksheet
- Additional documentation as needed/requested.
- Leach Field Design – **one** of the following:
  - Pages 11-12: Perforated Pipe Trench Layout Worksheet
  - Pages 13-14: Chambered Trench Layout Worksheet
  - Pages 15-16: Perforated Pipe Bed Layout Worksheet
  - Pages 17-18: Chambered Bed Layout Worksheet

**SIGN HERE:** *In accordance with Wyo. Stat. §1-2-104, I certify under penalty of false swearing that the foregoing is true and the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I certify that the facility described in this application has been submitted in accordance with local, county and state rules as required and said facility shall be constructed as authorized under the provisions specified in the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Rules and regulations, Chapter 25 and Park County Regulations. I agree that providing incomplete or inaccurate information may void or delay any and all permits authorized under this application. I understand that any permit granted under this application by the Park County Planning and Zoning Department does not approve any continued or future violation of County regulations or State law. I authorize representatives of Park County to enter upon the abovementioned property for inspection purposes before, during and/or after the permitting process to ensure compliance. I certify that I have secured and shall maintain permission for Park County and/or Department of Environmental Quality personnel and their invitees to access the permitted site, including (i) permission to access the land where the facility is located, (ii) permission to collect resource data as defined by Wyoming Statute § 6-3-414 and (iii) permission to enter and cross all properties necessary to access the site if the site cannot be directly accessed from a public road. I further acknowledge that if signing on behalf of co-owners, multiple owners, a corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company or similar entity, the undersigned hereby swear(s) that authorization is given, to the full extent required, with the necessary and appropriate approval, allowing the undersigned to act on behalf of such entity.*

- Property Owner(s)\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Applicant (if not owner): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*Property owner signature(s) is/are required.

**BELOW - For office use only**

- If in a subdivision, are there special conditions related to SWW?  YES  NO  
If yes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are past septic installation records on file for this parcel/site?  YES  NO
  - If yes, what year(s) was the information filed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Permit #(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Is DEQ review needed?  YES  NO
  - If yes, reason: \_\_\_\_\_
  - DEQ response: \_\_\_\_\_
- Permit to Construct Approved?  YES  NO
  - If yes, permit number issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_
  - If no, reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- System inspection date: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## Site Suitability

The owner/applicant must be aware of the depth of any impermeable soil layers, high groundwater levels and slope when considering the septic system location. The questions below will ensure you have gathered the information necessary to determine if a conventional septic system is appropriate.

### \*\*REQUIRED\*\*

**Cut/dig a soil and groundwater exploration pit near or within the area of the proposed leach field until you reach water, solid rock or **10 feet of depth** (whichever comes first). Then answer the following questions.**

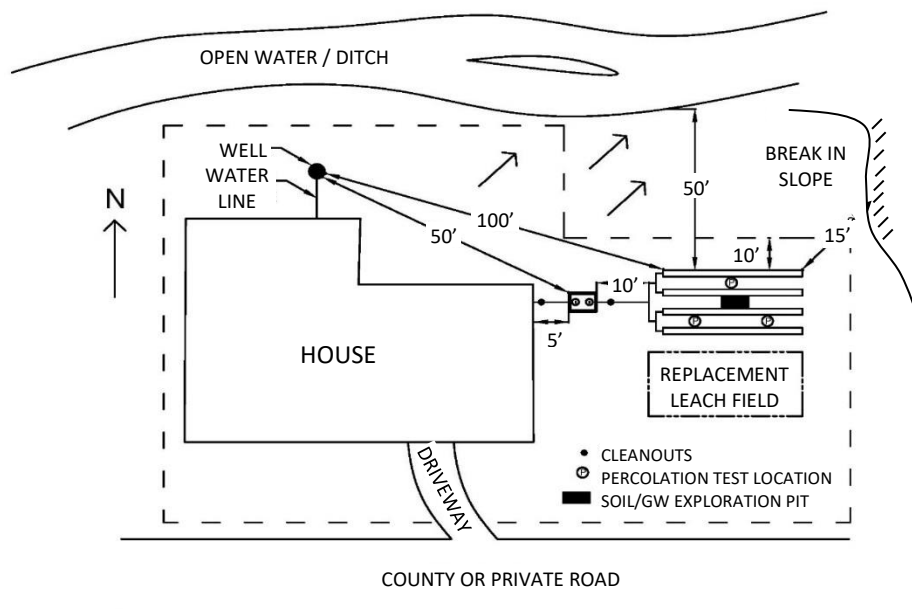
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|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Excavation</b>         | Does the exploration pit lie within the area of the proposed leach field?   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | Was the bottom of the required exploration pit at least <b>4 feet below</b> the bottom of the proposed leach field to a depth of <u>at least 10 feet</u> (unless you hit water/rock)?   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | 24 hours after making the excavation cut, take the following:<br>1) Color photograph of the excavation, showing a tape measure against the sidewall of the pit (tape should extend from the top to the bottom of the pit).<br>2) Color photograph showing bottom of the pit.<br>3) Color photograph of the proposed leach field area. <b>Photos provided to county?</b> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | Who conducted the excavation?   |  |  |
|                           | Date of excavation:   |  | Depth of the excavation:                                 |
| <b>Impermeable Layers</b> | Did the excavator observe an impervious rock layer below the surface?<br>If yes, at what depth (in inches or feet) below the ground surface?  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | Did the excavator observe an impervious clay layer below the surface?<br>If yes, at what depth (in inches or feet) below the ground surface?  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>High Groundwater</b>   | Was groundwater present in the excavation 24 hours after the cut was made?<br>If yes, at what depth (in inches or feet) below the ground surface?   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | Does the soil have an alkali crust at the surface, a rotten egg smell, or a blue-gray or greenish-gray (gley) color that may indicate frequent/continuous saturation?<br>If yes, at what depth (in inches or feet) below the ground surface?<br>How thick is this layer?  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|                           | Does the soil have a mottled appearance with areas around roots or cracks that look like rust, or is the soil stained a dark red-black or red-brown color, which may indicate periods of saturation? If yes, at what depth below the ground surface?<br>How thick is this layer?  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Slope</b>              | What is the estimated % slope of the leach field area?  |  |  |
|                           | Is there a break in slope (the side of a hill or where slope becomes abruptly steeper) within 15-20 feet of the leach field area?   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Other</b>              | Distance to nearest waterbody (lake, river, pond, creek, ditch or wetland)?   |  |  |
|                           | Distance to areas where soil may be compacted by vehicles?  |  |  |
|                           | Do surface drainage features direct runoff away from the leach field?   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

## Site Plan Drawing

Keep these setbacks in mind as you work through the remainder of this packet. Attach a sketch of your site as a separate sheet showing each of the items in the table below, if applicable. Dimensions and distances shown should be to scale, if not reasonably close to scale.

| Check Box if Shown on Site Plan | Element   | Required Setback Distance (feet) to Septic Tank | Required Setback Distance (feet) to Leach Field | Is the Setback Distance Satisfied?                       |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Property lines  | 10  | 10  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | All buildings, roads, and driveways   | —   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Setback to buildings w/out a foundation drain                                     | 5   | 10  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Setback to buildings with a foundation drain                                      | 5   | 25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Private wells (including neighbors)   | 50  | 100   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Public water supply wells   | 100   | 200   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Potable water supply lines  | 25  | 25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Surface water (ditch, irrigation ditch/canal, pond, Intermittent waterways, etc.) | 50  | 50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Septic tank   | —   | 10  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Break in slope (where slope gets abruptly steeper)                                | 15  | 15  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Cisterns  | 25  | 25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Leach Field & Replacement Leach Field   | 10  | —   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | North arrow   | —   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Slope (arrow pointing downslope)  | —   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Location of percolation test holes (numbered)                                     | —   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Location of soil exploration pit  | —   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>        | Location of flow dividers, d-boxes and cleanout ports                             | —   |   |  |

### Example site plan:



## Percolation Test Instructions

In order for a septic system to perform properly, the wastewater must move through the soil at an ideal rate, neither too fast nor too slow. A percolation test estimates the rate at which the water will percolate, or move, through the soil. The information provided by percolation tests is necessary to design leach fields correctly. Follow the steps below to complete a percolation test.

**1. Location of Percolation Test Holes.** The percolation (perc) test holes must be spaced uniformly over the proposed leach field site. **A minimum of three (3) test holes are required**, although you can use more if desired.

**2. Test Hole Preparation.** Dig or bore each hole 12 inches wide and as deep as the proposed depth of the leach field (usually between 30 and 40 inches). Make sure the sides are vertical and scrape the sides and bottom of the hole with a sharp pointed instrument to restore a natural soil surface. Remove loose soil from the hole and place 2 inches of coarse sand, washed gravel, or crushed stone in the bottom in order to prevent scouring or sealing.

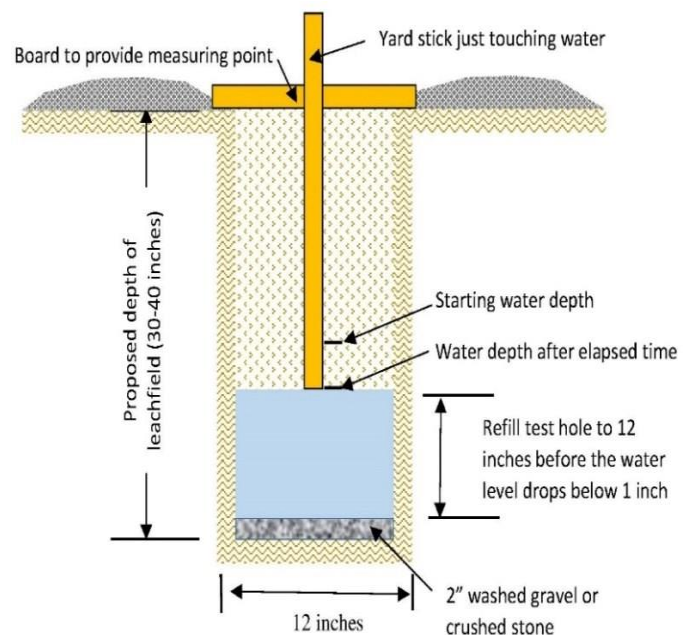
**3. Presoaking.** Presoaking is **absolutely required** to get valid percolation test results. Presoaking allows the water conditions in the test hole to reach a stable condition that is similar to a leach field. Presoaking time varies with soil conditions, but presoak holes for at least 4 hours. Maintain at least 18 inches of water in the test holes for at least 4 hours, then allow the soil to swell for 12 hours (overnight is good) before starting the perc test.

For sandy or loose soils, add 18 inches of water above the gravel or coarse sand. If the 18 inches of water seeps away in 18 minutes or less, add 18 inches of water a second time. If the second filling of 18 inches of water seeps away in 18 minutes or less, the soil is excessively permeable and the site is unsuitable for a conventional disposal system. If this is the case, contact your county small wastewater permitting authority or DEQ district office.

**4. Perc Rate Measurements.** Fill each hole with 12 inches of water and let the soil re-hydrate for 15 minutes prior to taking any measurements. Establish a fixed reference point such as a flat board placed across the top of the hole to measure the incremental water level drop at the constant time intervals. Measure the water level drop to the nearest 1/8 of an inch with a minimum time interval of 10 minutes. Normal time intervals are usually 10 or 15 minutes.

Refill the test hole to 12 inches above the gravel before starting the measurements. Measure down to the water from the fixed reference point. Record this value on the first line in the perc test data sheet (Page 10). Take another measurement after the time interval has elapsed and record on the second line of the table. Calculate the water level drop and record in the table.

**Continue the test until the water level drop rate has stabilized, i.e. three consecutive measurements within 1/8 inch of each other.** Before the water level drops below 1 inch above the gravel, refill the test hole to 12 inches. Some test holes may take longer to stabilize than others. If the drop rate continues to fluctuate, use the smallest drop rate out of the last six intervals for your calculations.



# Percolation Test Data Sheet

Owner/Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test holes were pre-soaked for: \_\_\_\_\_ (hours/minutes)

Time Interval: \_\_\_\_\_ min

**Do not perform percolation test if ground is frozen or if groundwater is present in holes. Holes must be 12 inches in diameter and evenly spaced over the leach field area. Roughen sides and bottoms of holes and place 2 inches of gravel in each hole.**

|                              |                                  | Hole #1<br>(Required)       |      | Hole #2<br>(Required)       |      | Hole #3<br>(Required)       |      | Hole #4<br>(Optional)       |      | Hole #5<br>(Optional)       |      | Hole #6<br>(Optional)       |      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| Depth of Hole:               |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |
| Time of Day                  | Elapsed Time/Time Interval (Min) | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      | Measure to nearest 1/8 inch |      |
|                              |                                  | Water Level                 | Drop | Water Level                 | Drop | Water Level                 | Drop | Water Level                 | Drop | Water Level                 | Drop | Water Level                 | Drop |
|                              |                                  |                             | —    |                             | —    |                             | —    |                             | —    |                             | —    |                             | —    |
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|                              |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |
| Time Interval (minutes)      |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |
| Final Interval Drop (inches) |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |
| Perc Rate (min/inch)         |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |
| Design Perc Rate (min/inch)  |                                  |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |

**To calculate drop:** Subtract the water level measurement at the start of your time interval from the water level measurement at the end. The “Drop” is how far the water level went down during the stated time interval. **Time interval (e.g., 10 min or 15 min) must be consistent (same number) for each individual hole throughout the test.**

**Leach field percolation (Perc) rate:** If 3 to 5 holes were tested, use the slowest (highest number) rate of the holes tested. If six or more holes were tested, use the average rate.

**Helpful Conversions:** 1/8 = 0.125    1/4 = 0.25    3/8 = 0.375    1/2 = 0.50    5/8 = 0.625    3/4 = 0.75    7/8 = 0.875

**To calculate perc rate (minutes per inch):** Time Interval (min) ÷ Final Interval Drop (in)

*Example Perc Rate = Time Interval (min)/Final Interval Drop (in) = 10min/1.125in = 8.9min/in*

I certify that this perc test was done in accordance with WQRR Chapter 25, Appendix A and the instructions on the previous page.

Test Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Septic Tank and Piping Worksheet

|  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Septic Tank  | <b>Minimum Tank capacity:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 4 bedrooms: 1,000 gallons</li> <li>• 5 Bedrooms: 1,250 gallons (*Add 250 gallons per each additional BR)</li> </ul>   |  | <b>Tank Size to be Used:</b><br><b>(gallons)</b>   |  |
|  | <b>Manufacturer &amp; Model Number:</b>   |  | <b>Number of Compartments in Tank:</b>   |  |
|  | <b>Tank Material:</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Thermoplastic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe): _____ |  |  |
|  | <b>Is this septic tank on the DEQ-approved list?</b> If no, provide a tank diagram from the manufacturer. If you cannot locate a diagram from the manufacturer, complete "Basic Design Requirements for Septic Tanks Not on the DEQ-Approved List." |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know                              |
|  | Does the tank have a 20-inch access opening in <b>EACH</b> compartment of the tank and a riser from the access opening that terminates at a max of six (6) inches below the ground surface?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | Do access openings have a locking device?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | Is septic tank installed on a level grade, with firm bedding to prevent settling, and without rock or other obstructions touching the tank as per WQRR Chapter 25, Section 10(a)(ii)?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | If installing two tanks in a series, install the downstream tank a minimum of 2 inches lower than the first to insure proper flow. Will the installer use a series of tanks as described?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
| Depth of backfill to be placed over tank (minimum of 6" required):   |   |  | _____ inches   |  |
| Piping from Building to Tank   | <b>Piping material to be used between the building and septic tank:</b>   |  | <b>Proposed pipe size (diameter):</b>  |  |
|  | Will the installer lay the pipe from the house to the septic tank in a straight line?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | - If no, will the installer include the <b>required</b> cleanout ports at any alignment change greater than 22.5 degrees?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | Will the pipe from the house to the septic tank be more than 100 feet long?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | - If yes, will <b>required</b> cleanout ports be spaced along the line every 100 feet or less?  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |
|  | DEQ recommends a cleanout port facing each direction between the building and the tank. Which direction does your <b>required</b> cleanout port face?   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toward Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Toward Tank<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both Directions |
| Will the piping have a minimum slope of ¼ inch per foot (2%)?  |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |  |
| If the installer uses more than one trench, they must use a distribution box or flow divider tee to equalize flow. Which will be used in your proposed system? |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Trench<br><input type="checkbox"/> Flow Divider Tee(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> D-box |  |

## Leach Field Sizing Worksheet

|   |  |                          |  |  |                                     |  |                                     |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Design Flow (gpd)</b>  | <b>Select Building Type</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Residential Building<br>(Includes Mobile Homes)  | # Bedrooms   | Box A                               | Enter the number of gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater generated that corresponds with the total number of bedrooms (Box C) in Box 1 below.<br>1 bedroom      150 gpd<br>2 bedrooms     280 gpd<br>3 bedrooms     390 gpd<br>4 bedrooms     470 gpd<br>5 bedrooms     550 gpd<br>6 bedrooms*    630 gpd<br><br>*Add 80 gallons per day for each additional bedroom. |                                     |
|   |  |                          | Unfinished Basement?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                     |  |                                     |
|   |  |                          | If yes, enter 2.<br>If no, enter 0.  | Box B  |                                     |  |                                     |
|   |  |                          | Total # Bedrooms = Box A + Box B   | Box C  |                                     |  |                                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | Non-Residential Building | Refer to Chapter 25, Table 2 of the WQRR to determine design flow. Show calculations (attach a separate sheet if necessary). |  |                                     |  |                                     |
| <b>Design Flow (gpd):</b><br>Enter value from cells above or Chapter 25, Table 2.                           |  |                          |  |  | <b>Box 1</b>                        |  |                                     |
| <b>Loading Rate (gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>  | <b>Check Perc Rate Obtained from Perc Test Data (page 6)</b>   | Perc. Rate<br>min/inch   | Loading Rate<br>gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>  | Perc. Rate<br>min/inch   | Loading Rate<br>gpd/ft <sup>2</sup> | Perc. Rate<br>min/inch   | Loading Rate<br>gpd/ft <sup>2</sup> |
|   |  | ○ 5                      | 0.80   | ○ 16   | 0.50                                | ○ 30-31  | 0.39                                |
|   |  | ○ 6                      | 0.75   | ○ 17   | 0.49                                | ○ 32-33  | 0.38                                |
|   |  | ○ 7                      | 0.71   | ○ 18   | 0.48                                | ○ 34-35  | 0.37                                |
|   |  | ○ 8                      | 0.68   | ○ 19   | 0.47                                | ○ 36-37  | 0.36                                |
|   |  | ○ 9                      | 0.65   | ○ 20   | 0.46                                | ○ 38-40  | 0.35                                |
|   |  | ○ 10                     | 0.62   | ○ 21   | 0.45                                | ○ 41-43  | 0.34                                |
|   |  | ○ 11                     | 0.60   | ○ 22   | 0.44                                | ○ 44-46  | 0.33                                |
|   |  | ○ 12                     | 0.58   | ○ 23-24  | 0.43                                | ○ 47-50  | 0.32                                |
|   |  | ○ 13                     | 0.56   | ○ 25   | 0.42                                | ○ 51-55  | 0.31                                |
|   |  | ○ 14                     | 0.54   | ○ 26 - 27  | 0.41                                | ○ 56-60  | 0.30                                |
|   |  | ○ 15                     | 0.52   | ○ 28 - 29  | 0.40                                |  |                                     |
| <b>Loading Rate (gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>):</b><br>Enter loading rate for your percolation rate from above table. |  |                          |  |  | <b>Box 2</b>                        |  |                                     |
| <b>Leach Field Sizing (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>  | <b>Required Leach Field Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b><br>Divide design flow (Box 1) by the loading rate (Box 2).<br>Round <b>up</b> to the nearest whole number. |                          |  | $\frac{\text{Design Flow (Box 1)}}{\text{Loading Rate (Box 2)}} = \text{Leach Field Area (ft}^2\text{) (Box 3)}$ Example: 280 gpd ÷ 0.62 gpd/ft <sup>2</sup> = 451.61 or 452 ft <sup>2</sup> |                                     |  |                                     |
|   |  |                          |  | <b>Box 3</b>   |                                     |  |                                     |



## Leach Field Design Instructions

Arrange conventional septic system leach fields using either a trench or a bed layout. Construct either trench or bed layouts using either perforated pipe or open-bottom chamber systems. DEQ prefers trench layouts because they provide more surface area for absorption of wastewater into the soil. Trenches also treat wastewater more efficiently because the undisturbed soil between the trenches allows more oxygen to reach the microbes that break down and treat the wastewater. For this reason, trenches are also more effective when soils have lower or “slower” percolation rates. Use bed layouts where space for a leach field is limited and only where soils have higher or “faster” percolation rates. DEQ considers trenches spaced less than three (3) feet apart as bed layouts.

To design your leach field, follow these steps:

- 1) Choose either a trench or a bed layout.
- 2) Choose either perforated pipe or open-bottomed chambers for your leach field.
- 3) Fill out the layout worksheet and diagram that correspond to your selection. This worksheet will determine how many trenches you need or how large to make your bed.
- 4) Submit **only** one completed worksheet and diagram.

### **Trench Leach Field System:**

Perforated Pipe Trench Layout Worksheet, Page 10  
Chambered Trench Layout Worksheet, Page 12

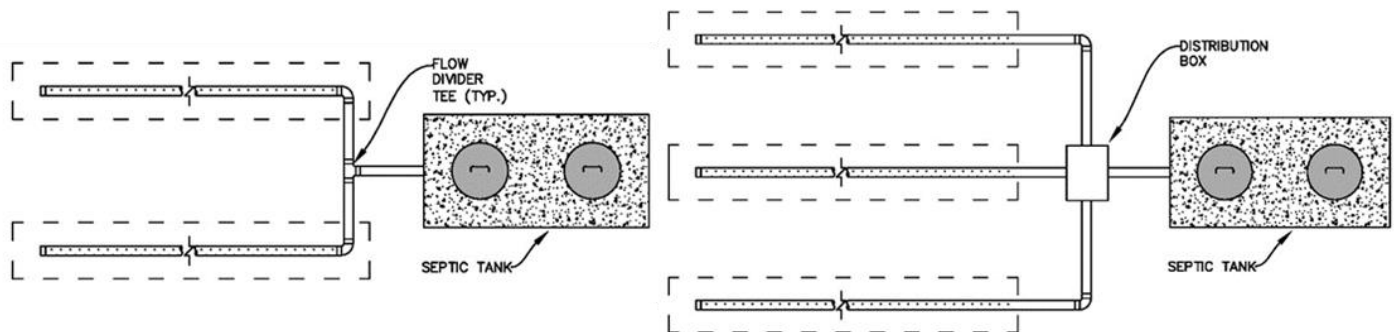
### **Bed Leach Field System:**

Perforated Pipe Bed Layout Worksheet, Page 14  
Chamber Bed Layout Worksheet, Page 16

Install leach fields to ensure equal distribution of wastewater effluent among all the trenches. Equal distribution allows the use of the entire infiltrative surface of the leach field and prevents overloading part of the leach field.

Use either a piping header or distribution box (D-box) to distribute wastewater effluent equally among the trenches of a leach field. A piping header system conveys wastewater effluent to each disposal trench using a network of solid piping. Split the discharge line from the septic tank using a T-pipe fitting (see example below). If there is an odd number of trenches in the leach field, use a distribution box to divide wastewater effluent evenly among the trenches (see example below). Distribution boxes are typically made of concrete or wastewater-grade plastics and are watertight with a single inlet set at a higher elevation than the outlets. Construct outlets so that their elevations are equal relative to one another.

### **Examples of Septic Systems Where the Effluent is Distributed Equally.**



DEQ does not require installation of leach field trenches in a straight line. In fact, it is always preferable to follow the contour of the land. Additionally, never install the leach field in floodways, at the base of slopes, or in depressions where runoff water could flood the leach field. Construct leach fields in areas with good surface drainage, where the water cannot pond over the leach field.

## Chamber System Equivalent Areas

WDEQ Rules and Regulations Chapter 25 Section 8 allows for a 30% reduction in the leach field area when using chambers in place of traditional pipe and stone systems. To calculate the reduction in square footage required to achieve the same amount of infiltrative surface as pipe trenches or beds, use the dimensions provided by the chamber manufacturer.

- In a trench configuration, the equivalent area is equal to Length \* [(Chamber Width \* 1.43) + (2 \* Effective Sidewall Height)].
- In a bed configuration the sidewall is not counted, so the equivalent area is equal to Length \* (Chamber Width \* 1.43).

Use dimensions provided in the table below to design leach fields utilizing chamber technology on pages 13 (chamber trenches) or 17 (chamber beds) of the application package.

| Chamber Class        | Chamber Name                  | Nominal Dimensions |               |                | Effective Dimensions |                            |                             | Equivalent Area               |                            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                      |                               | Length<br>(ft)     | Width<br>(in) | Height<br>(in) | Length<br>(ft)       | Width <sup>1</sup><br>(in) | Height <sup>2</sup><br>(in) | Trench<br>Layout<br>(sf/unit) | Bed<br>Layout<br>(sf/unit) |
| High Capacity        | Quick4 High Capacity          | 4.4                | 34            | 16             | 4.0                  | 34                         | 11.5                        | 23.9                          | 16.2                       |
|                      | Quick4 Plus High Capacity     | 4.4                | 34            | 14             | 4.0                  | 34                         | 8.0                         | 21.5                          | 16.2                       |
|                      | Arc 36 High Capacity          | 5.3                | 34            | 16             | 5.0                  | 34                         | 10.5                        | 29.0                          | 20.3                       |
|                      | BioDiffuser 16" High Capacity | 6.3                | 34            | 16             | 6.2                  | 34                         | 11.2                        | 36.7                          | 25.1                       |
| Standard             | Quick4 Standard               | 4.4                | 34            | 12             | 4.0                  | 34                         | 8.0                         | 21.5                          | 16.2                       |
|                      | Quick4 Plus Standard          | 4.4                | 34            | 12             | 4.0                  | 34                         | 8.0                         | 21.5                          | 16.2                       |
|                      | Arc 36                        | 5.3                | 34            | 13             | 5.0                  | 34                         | 7.0                         | 26.1                          | 20.3                       |
|                      | BioDiffuser 11" Standard      | 6.3                | 34            | 11             | 6.2                  | 34                         | 5.8                         | 31.1                          | 25.1                       |
| Standard Low Profile | Quick4 Plus Standard LP       | 4.4                | 34            | 8              | 4.0                  | 34                         | 3.3                         | 18.4                          | 16.2                       |
|                      | Arc 36 LP                     | 5.3                | 34            | 8              | 5.0                  | 34                         | 3.8                         | 23.4                          | 20.3                       |
| Narrow               | Quick4 Equalizer 36           | 4.4                | 22            | 12             | 4.0                  | 22                         | 6.0                         | 14.5                          | 10.5                       |
|                      | Arc 24                        | 5.6                | 22            | 12             | 5.0                  | 22                         | 6.3                         | 18.3                          | 13.1                       |
|                      | BioDiffuser Bio 3             | 7.3                | 22            | 12             | 7.2                  | 22                         | 6.4                         | 26.5                          | 18.9                       |
| Narrow LP            | Quick4 Plus Equalizer 36 LP   | 4.4                | 22            | 8              | 4.0                  | 22                         | 3.3                         | 12.7                          | 10.5                       |
| Ultra-Narrow         | Quick4 Equalizer 24           | 4.4                | 16            | 12             | 4.0                  | 16                         | 6.0                         | 11.6                          | 7.6                        |
|                      | Arc 18                        | 5.6                | 16            | 12             | 5.0                  | 16                         | 6.3                         | 14.7                          | 9.5                        |
|                      | BioDiffuser Bio 2             | 7.3                | 16            | 12             | 7.2                  | 16                         | 6.4                         | 21.3                          | 13.7                       |
| Ultra-Narrow LP      | Quick4 Equalizer 24 LP        | 4.4                | 16            | 8              | 4.0                  | 16                         | 2.0                         | 9.0                           | 7.6                        |

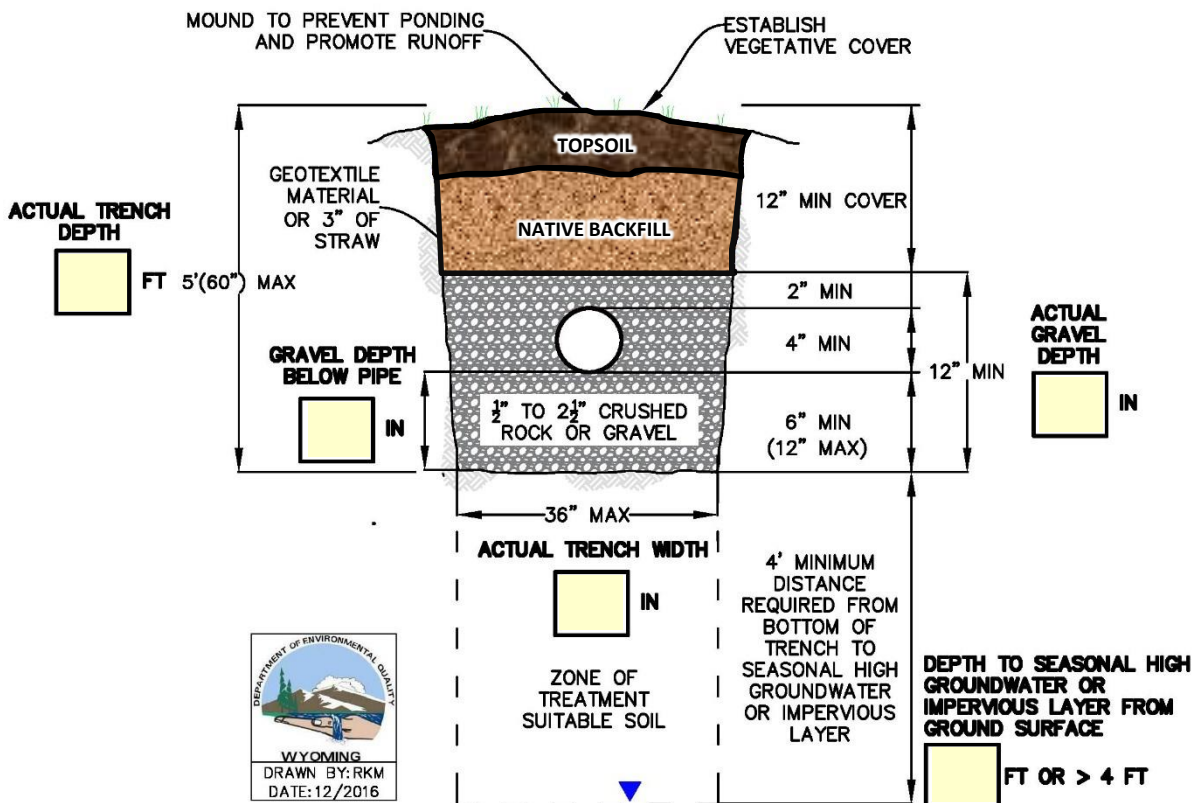
<sup>1</sup> The equivalent areas calculation used the outside width of the chamber.

<sup>2</sup> The effective height is the height of the slotted sidewall of the chamber or depth below the flow line of the inlet pipe, whichever is less.

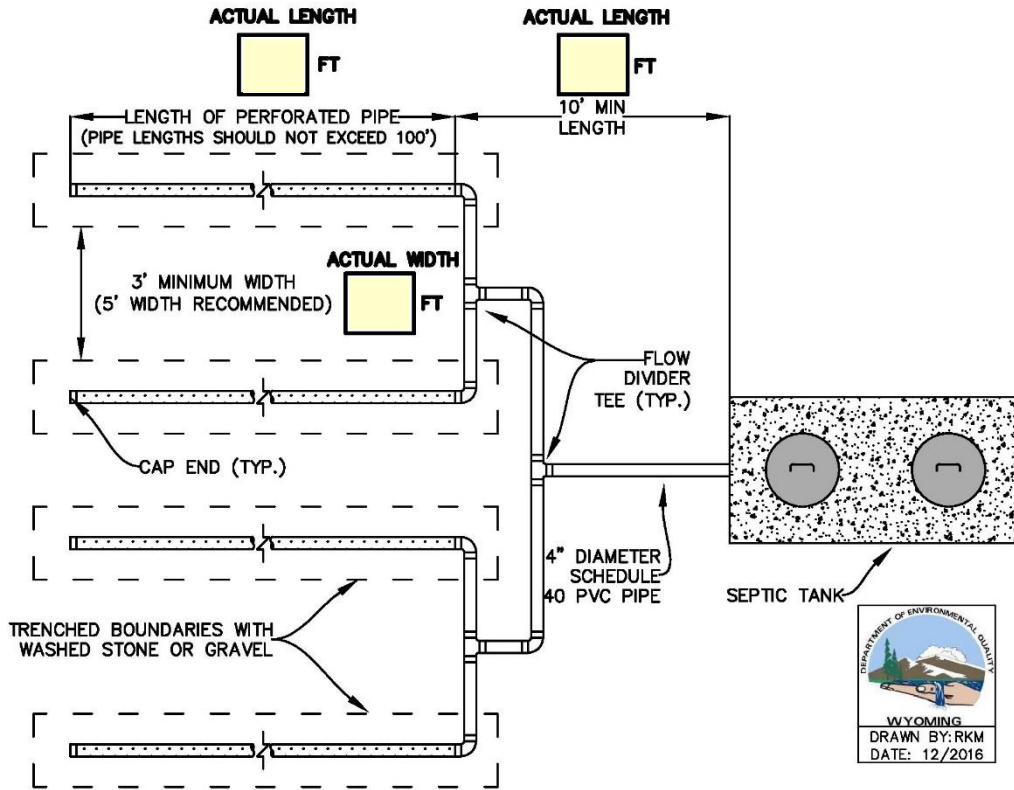
## Perforated Pipe Trench Layout Worksheet

|               |  |   |   |  |       |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|-------|
| Design        | Required Leach Field Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )<br>(Page 8, Box 3)    |   |   |  | Box 1 |
|               | Depth of Trench Below Pipe (ft)<br>(0.5' min)                      |   |   |  | Box 2 |
|               | Width of Trench (ft)<br>(3' max)                                   |   |   |  | Box 3 |
|               | Absorptive Area Per Linear Foot<br>of Trench (ft <sup>2</sup> /ft) | _____ + _____ + _____ = _____   |   |  | Box 4 |
|               |  | Trench Depth (Box 2)    Trench Depth (Box 2)    Trench Width (Box 3)    Absorptive Area |   |  |       |
|               | Minimum Total Trench<br>Length (ft)                                | _____ ÷ _____ = _____   |   |  | Box 5 |
|               |  | Required Leach Field Area (Box 1)    Absorptive Area (Box 4)    Total Trench Length     |   |  |       |
| Trench Layout | Number of Trenches to Use  | <b>Total Trench Length (ft)<br/>(from Box 5)</b>  | <b>Minimum # of Trenches to Use<br/>(Please circle)</b> | Box 6  |       |
|               |  | ≤100<br>101-200<br>201-300<br>301-400<br>401-500<br>501-600                             | 1<br>2<br>3*<br>4<br>5*<br>6                            | <b>Your proposed design:</b><br># of trenches to be used = _____<br>Length of each trench = _____ ft<br>Combined length of trenches = _____ ft<br><br>*A distribution box, or D-box, is required when an odd number of trenches is used. |       |

Fill in the boxes on the diagram below.



# Perforated Pipe Trench Layout Diagram

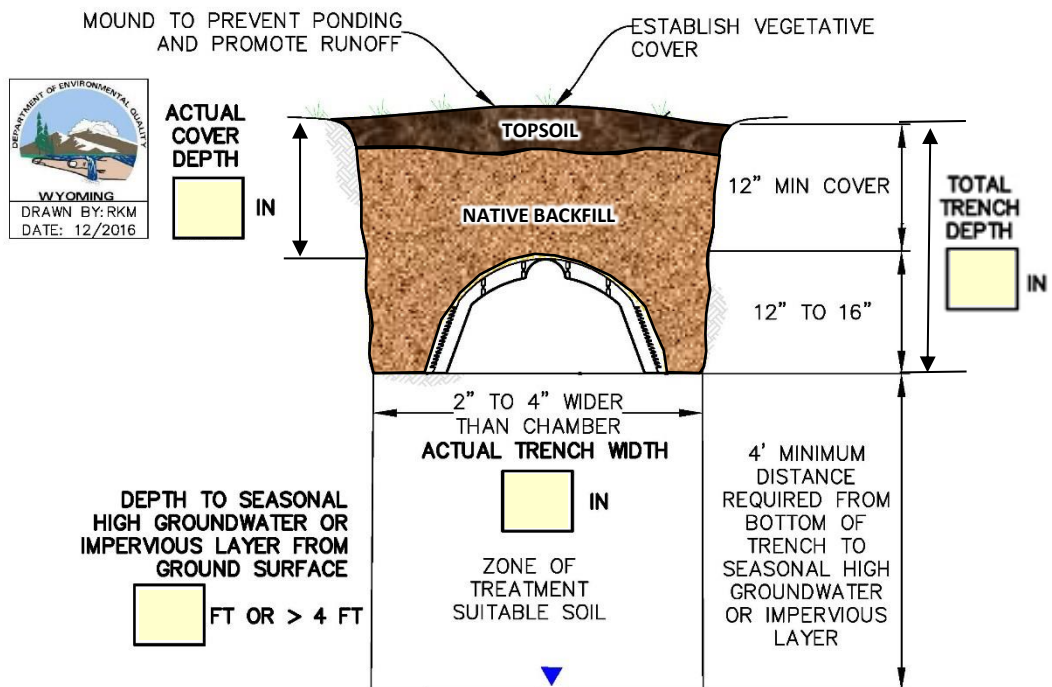


Draw your perforated pipe trench layout below or attach a separate sheet.

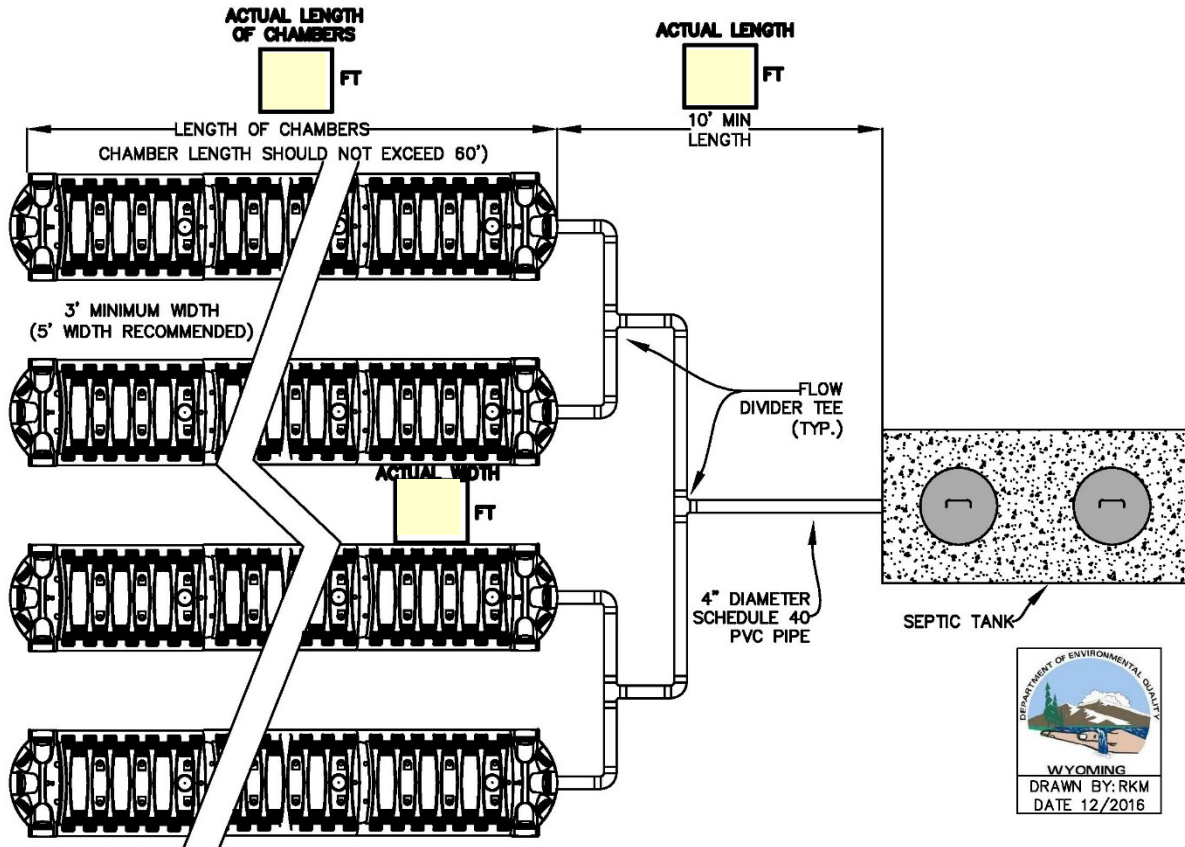
## Chambered Trench Layout Worksheet

| <b>Chamber</b><br>(See Page 10)       | Chamber Manufacturer                         |  | Chamber Model                         |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------|---|--------|---|---------|----|---------|---|---------|----|---------|---|---|--|
|                                       | Nominal Length (ft)                          |  | Nominal Width (in)                    |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
|                                       | Nominal Height (in)                          |  | Effective Length (ft)                 | Box 1  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| <b>Design</b>                         | Required Leach Field Area (Page 8, Box 3)    | Box 2  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
|                                       | Equivalent Area Per Unit (See Page 10)       | Box 3  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
|                                       | Minimum Number of Chambers                   | $\frac{\text{Required Leach Field Area (Box 2)}}{\text{Equivalent Area Per Unit (Box 3)}} = \text{Number of Chambers (Round Up)}$  |                                       |  | Box 4 |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| <b>Trench Layout</b>                  | Minimum combined trench length (ft)          | $\text{Number of Chambers (Box 4)} * \text{Effective Length (Box 1)} = \text{Minimum Combined Trench Length}$  |                                       |  | Box 5 |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
|                                       | Number of Trenches to Use                    | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Trench Length (ft) (from Box 5)</th> <th>Minimum # of Trenches to Use (Please circle)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>≤60</td><td style="text-align: center;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>61-120</td><td style="text-align: center;">2</td></tr> <tr><td>121-180</td><td style="text-align: center;">3*</td></tr> <tr><td>181-240</td><td style="text-align: center;">4</td></tr> <tr><td>241-300</td><td style="text-align: center;">5*</td></tr> <tr><td>301-360</td><td style="text-align: center;">6</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Total Trench Length (ft) (from Box 5) | Minimum # of Trenches to Use (Please circle) | ≤60   | 1 | 61-120 | 2 | 121-180 | 3* | 181-240 | 4 | 241-300 | 5* | 301-360 | 6 | <p><b>Your proposed design:</b></p> <p># of trenches to be used = _____</p> <p>Length of each trench = _____ ft</p> <p>Combined length of trenches = _____ ft</p> <p>*A distribution box, or D-box, is required when an odd number of trenches is used.</p> |  |
| Total Trench Length (ft) (from Box 5) | Minimum # of Trenches to Use (Please circle) |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| ≤60                                   | 1  |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| 61-120                                | 2  |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| 121-180                               | 3*   |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| 181-240                               | 4  |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| 241-300                               | 5*   |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |
| 301-360                               | 6  |  |                                       |  |       |   |        |   |         |    |         |   |         |    |         |   |   |  |

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# Chambered Trench Layout Diagram

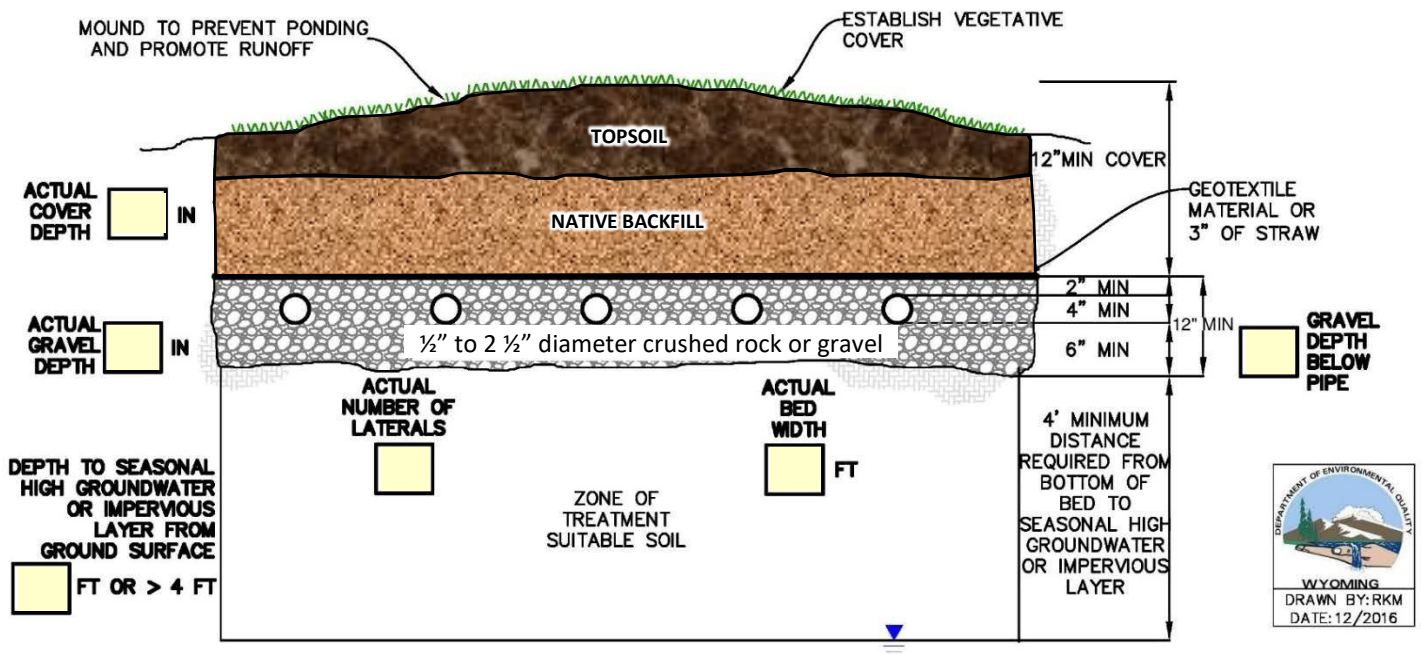


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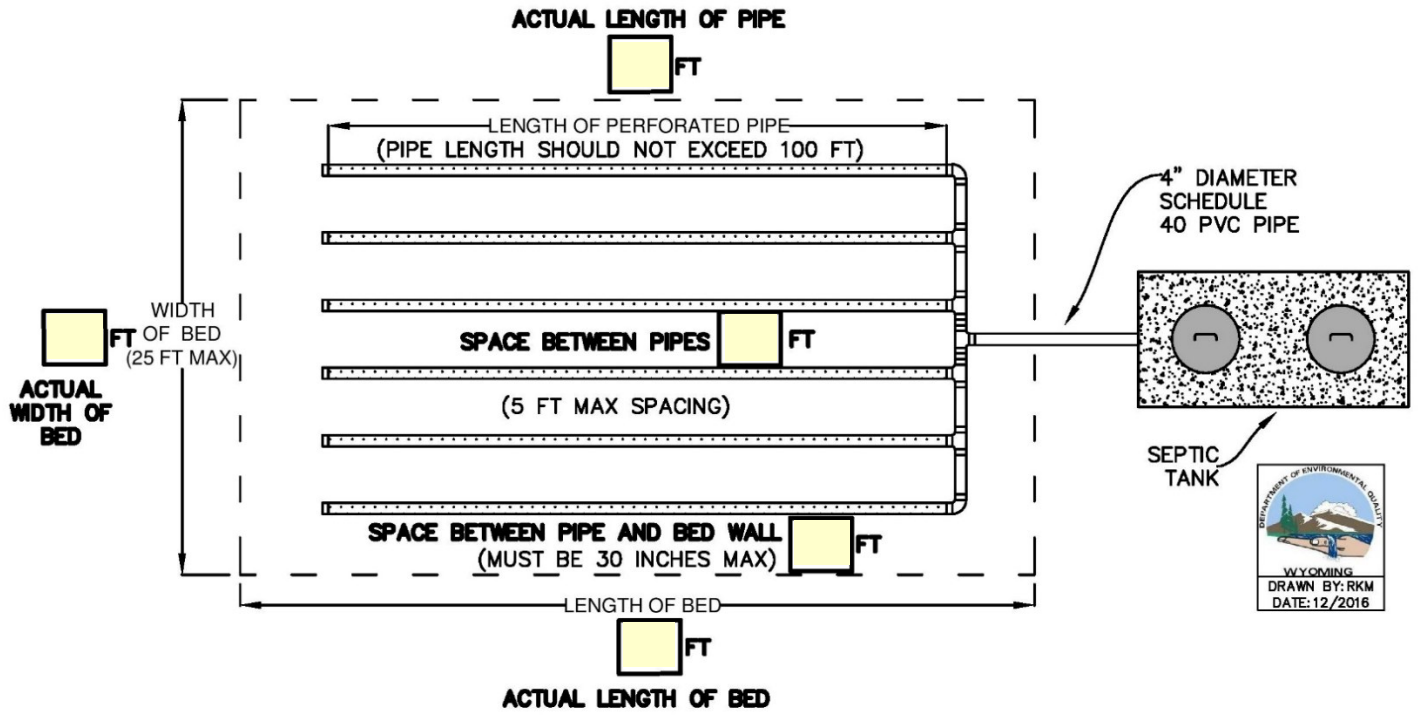
## Perforated Pipe Bed Layout Worksheet

|   |  |  |                           |       |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|-------|
| Design  | Required Leach Field Area (Page 8, Box 3): | Box 1  |                           |       |
|   | Proposed Total Excavated Depth (ft):       |  | Proposed Bed Width (ft):  | Box 2 |
|   | Proposed Depth below pipe (ft):            |  | Proposed Bed Length (ft): | Box 3 |
|   | Total Bed Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )          | $\frac{\text{Bed Width (Box 2)}}{\quad} * \frac{\text{Bed Length (Box 3)}}{\quad} = \frac{\text{Total Bed Area}}{\quad}$ |                           |       |
|   | Box 4                                      |  |                           |       |
| Is Box 4 ≥ Box 1? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If No, adjust Bed Width (Box 2) and Bed Length (Box 3) until Box 4 is greater than Box 1</li> <li>If Yes, complete the bottom of this page.</li> </ul> |  |  |                           |       |

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## Perforated Pipe Bed Layout Diagram



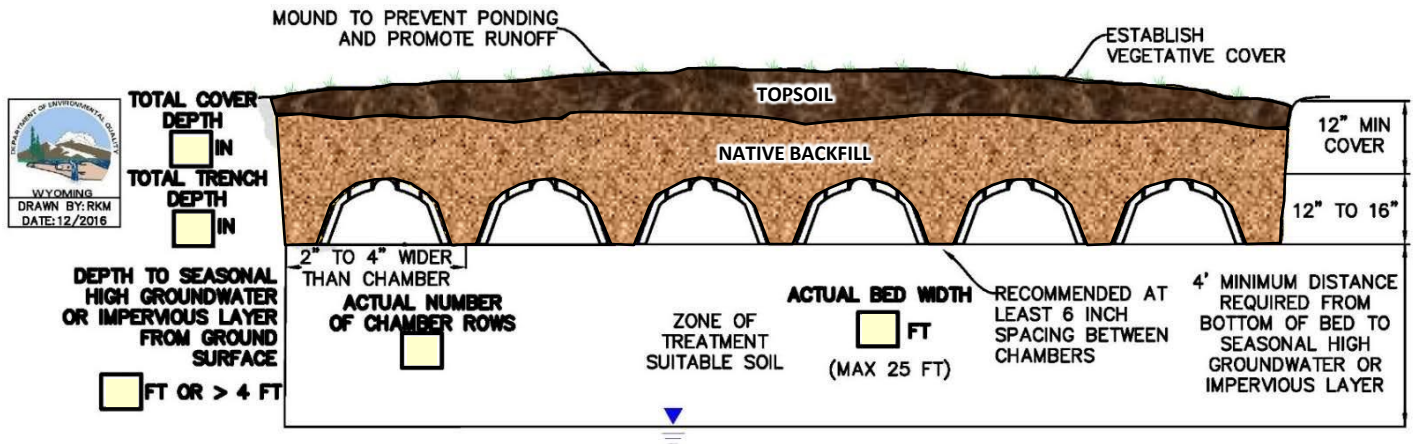
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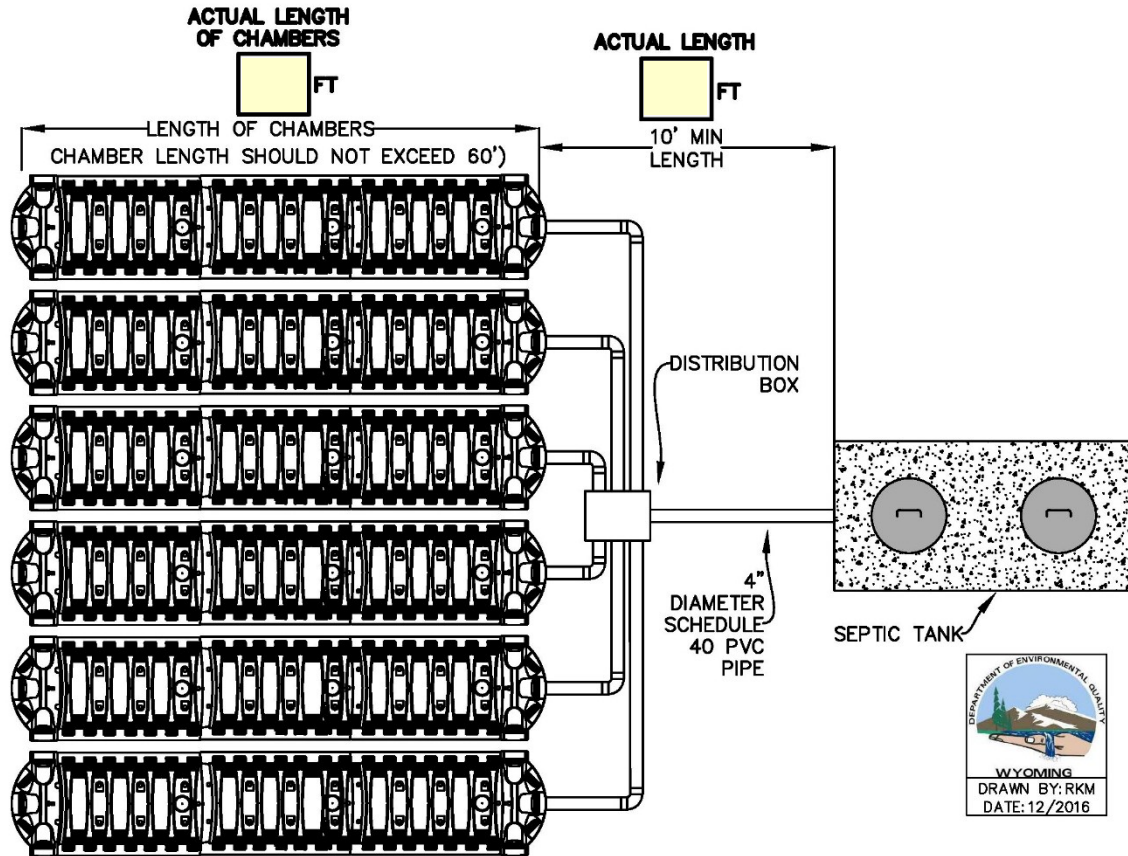
## Chambered Bed Layout Worksheet

|  |   |   |  |  |       |
|--|---|---|--|--|-------|
| <b>Chamber</b><br><small>(See Page 10)</small> | Manufacturer                              |   | Model  |  |       |
|  | Nominal Length (ft)                       |   | Nominal Width (in)   |  |       |
|  | Nominal Height (in)                       |   | Effective Length (ft)  | Box 1  |       |
| <b>Design</b>                                  | Required Leach Field Area (Page 8, Box 3) |   |  |  | Box 2 |
|  | Equivalent Area Per Unit (See Page 10)    |   |  |  | Box 3 |
|  | Number of Chambers                        | $\frac{\text{Required Leach Field Area (Box 2)}}{\text{Equivalent Area Per Unit (Box 3)}} = \text{Number of Chambers (Round Up)}$ |  |  | Box 4 |
| <b>Bed Layout</b>                              | Total Chamber Length (ft)                 | $\text{Number of Chambers (Box 4)} * \text{Effective Length (Box 1)} = \text{Total Chamber Length}$                               |  |  | Box 5 |
|  | Number of Chamber Rows to Use             | <b>Total Chamber Length (ft) (from Box 5)</b><br><60<br>61-120<br>121-180<br>181-240<br>241-300<br>301-360                        | <b>Minimum Number of Chamber Rows to Use</b><br>1<br>2<br>3*<br>4<br>5*<br>6 | <b>For your design:</b><br>Number of Chamber Rows to Use = _____<br><br>Length of Rows = _____<br><br>*A distribution box, or D-box, is required when an odd number of trenches is used. |       |

Fill in the boxes on the diagram below.



# Chambered Bed Layout Diagram



Draw your chambered bed layout below or attach a separate sheet.