

## Sanitary Permit

Sanitarian services are provided by the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD). All new buildings need engineer designed septic systems which must be reviewed for Health Code compliance. CRAHD does this review and also oversees the system installations, conducts soil testing and oversees systems repairs. Installation of new septic systems and repairs to existing systems are by permit and must be performed by licensed installers. Guidelines for septic review and design and installation criteria are part of the Connecticut Public Health Code.

Additionally, the Connecticut Public Health Code requires that before any building can occur on a property, the owner must demonstrate that the property can support a septic system that meets the current Health Code. This review is generally referred to as a "B100a Application." This means that, as part of a building permit for an addition, above ground pool, deck, garage, etc., it is required that an area of the property be set aside for the future upgrade of the septic testing. If there has previously been soil testing done for the property, CRAHD will likely be able to use that. A B100a review is also required prior to any lot line revision.

Applications are submitted directly to CRAHD offices, which are located at 455 Boston Post Road, Suite #7, Old Saybrook. Information is available on their website at <http://www.crahd.org> or by phone (860) 661-3300. Personnel are happy to answer questions about the requirements or process. Office hours are:

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday

When the work is complete, CRAHD will issue a Permit to Discharge