

**CLEARWATER COUNTY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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**COUNTY WIDE INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS (ISTS) permits are required**, and a design of the proposed system must be turned in to the OES prior to construction.

**SHORELAND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE STANDARDS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The Shoreland Management Ordinance has been in effect since 1973 and has jurisdiction over lands located within 1,000 feet of a classified lake and 300 feet of a classified river or stream. Please contact the Office of Environmental Services (OES) concerning regulations for any work that is being planned for lakeshore property.

Permits are required for all structures, regardless of size or cost, and for installation of onsite sewage treatment systems. Site drawings are required for each permit. Permits are not required for interior remodeling or necessary maintenance, as long as the outside dimensions of that building do not change.

Grading and Filling permits are required for **any** grading, excavating, or filling within shoreland areas.

**CLASSIFICATIONS:**

	Natural Environment (NE)	Recreational Development (RD)	General Development (GD)
Lot Area-Riparian (sq.ft.).....	80,000	40,000	20,000
Water frontage & lot width at building line....	200ft	150ft	100ft
Structure setback from OHWL.....	150ft	100ft	75ft
Bldg site above ground water table.....	3ft	3ft	3ft
Structure setback from Federal, State or County highway right-of-ways.....	50ft	50ft	50ft
Structure setback from right-of-way of other roads.....	20ft	20ft	20ft
Structure setback from property line or as stated in Section 503.9.....	20ft	20ft	20ft
Primary structure height.....	25ft	25ft	25ft
Secondary structure height.....	15ft	15ft	15ft
Structure setback from top of bluff*.....	30ft	30ft	30ft
Sewage system setback from OHWL.....	150ft	100ft	75ft

There are five (5) classifications for rivers and streams, they are: Remote River Segments, Forested River Segments, Agricultural River Segments, Transitional River Segments and Tributaries. Please contact the OES for information on these.

The setbacks for ISTS are as follows: Minimum distance from a deep well is **50ft**, minimum distance from a shallow well is **100ft**; distance of septic tank from an occupied building is **10 ft** and drainfield is **20ft**; distance from a property line is **10ft** and distance between the bottom of a drainfield and seasonally saturated soils is **3ft**.

All ISTS shall have a final inspection by the Office of Environmental Services before covering. The OES has three working days to complete this inspection.

Privies (outhouses) may be allowed if they can meet required conditions.

**PERMIT FEES:**

	Normal Permit Cost**
Land Use Permit.....	\$ 25.00
Individual Sewage Treatment System Permit.....	\$ 25.00
Grading and Filling Permit I.....	\$ 25.00
Grading and Filling Permit II.....	\$ 100.00
Conditional Use.....	\$ 400.00
Variance.....	\$ 300.00
Plat.....	\$ 400.00

\*Bluff: greater than 25ft in height, with a 30% or greater slope.

\*\* Permits are required prior to construction.

**After-the-Fact:** Fees for After-the-Fact Land Use, Sewage Treatment System, and Grading and Filling permits are the greater of \$250.00 or 1% of the new construction value as determined by the Clearwater County Assessor.