

***Please Note: Your building project may incur additional expenses beyond the building permit fee.***

Septic Compliance

In Sherburne County, any building permit request, other than maintenance permits (i.e. re-roof, re-side, furnace), requires that the septic system on the property is newer than ten (10) years or has a passing compliance inspection completed on the system in the past ten (10) years.

Projects that need this compliance inspection include, but are not limited to:

Deck / Porch	In-Ground Pool	Interior Drain Tile
Accessory Building	Basement Finish	Wall Anchors
Wood Stove	Interior Remodel	Addition
Solar Array	Bathroom Remodel	Egress Window
Overhang on Roof		

If a compliance inspection hasn't been completed within the past ten (10) years, one will need to be done before the building permit can be issued. This inspection includes a review of the septic tank(s), the drainfield, and ensures that the system is functioning properly overall - it is more than simply pumping the tank(s). Estimated costs for this inspection range between \$700-\$1200.

If your system is found to be compliant, the permit can be issued after the plan review, etc. are completed. If it is found non-compliant, you will need to have your septic system updated (timeline could range from 10 days to 18 months, depending on what failed) and this could add a significant cost to your intended project. If winter conditions delay a compliance inspection, additional requirements per Sherburne County Planning and Zoning may apply.

Additional information regarding septic compliance can be found on the [Sherburne County website](#). Scan the QR code to access the site.



Land use permits for wetlands are no longer required.