SEPTIC AND PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM CHECKLIST – KING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

King County Public Health Department requires review of projects as listed below when the property is served by a private sewer system (septic tank) or a private water system (well). When King County Public Health Department requires review, documentation is required to be submitted to Burien with the permit application demonstrating King County has approved the proposed scope of work.

Item #	Scope of Work	KCPHD Review Required	KCHD Consultation Recommended (Information Line (206) 477-8050)
1	**Carports**	Yes	
2	**Decks** more than 30" above grade	Depends	Yes
3	**Outbuilding/Additions** • ADU (accessory dwelling units) • Accessory Living Quarters (w/o kitchen) • Garages • Shops • Footprint expansions toward OSS++ or that may impact the OSS	Yes	
4	**Interior Remodels** • Adding Bedrooms* • Adding additional kitchen+ • Footprint expansions toward OSS++ or that may impact the OSS	Yes	
5	**Medical Hardship** cases (temporary quarters to be removed after medical condition ended)	Yes	
6	**Adult Care Facilities and Day Care Conversions**	Yes	
7	**Rockeries** over 4' in height	Depends	Yes
8	**Swimming Pools:** In-ground or above ground swimming pools and swim spas 2' deep, or above ground Prefabricated pools over 5,000 gallons	Yes	
9	**Code Enforcement Issues** • ABC (already built construction w/o permit)	Yes	
10	**Projects Requiring a Grading Permit**	Depends	Yes
11	**Infiltration or Dispersion Trench** location for storm water control	Yes	
12	**Commercial Buildings**	Yes	
Post Issuance Revisions			
13	**Adding Bedrooms**	Yes	
14	**House or Outbuilding Location Changes**	Yes	

*renaming an existing bedroom by another name still counts as a bedroom for purposes of determining septic system sizing.

+Definition of a kitchen per KCC Title 13; an area intended for the storage and preparation of food and containing a sink.

++ OSS means On-site Septic System (includes wastewater tanks, treatment devices and drain field as well as the reserve drain field area.

For questions, please contact City of Burien Permit staff at (206) 241-4647.

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