

## Setbacks for Private Sewage Systems

Under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*

Proposed property lines must be setback from sewage disposal system components as indicated below; otherwise a system may need to be replaced before a subdivision application may be approved.

The chart below is a partial summary of the distances given in the Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide found on the Provincial website at:

[www.health.gov.sk.ca/wastewater-disposal-guide](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/wastewater-disposal-guide)

All distances are subject to change to suit site conditions as determined by a Public Health Inspector. A permit must be obtained from a Public Health Inspector before any person installs a system. A Public Health Inspector must inspect an installation before it is covered or back-filled. Public Health Inspectors may be contacted at the nearest Health Region office.

A vertical distance of at least 1.5 m must separate the base of a sewage system from a water table. Consult a Public Health Inspector for details.

For information on subdividing land, visit:

[www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/div/cpb/subdivision.html](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/div/cpb/subdivision.html)

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For subdivision application forms and more detail about the subdivision approval process and the municipal reserve options visit: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/government-relations>

Disposal System Components	Building	Property Line	Well or Water Source	Surface Water	Cut or Embankment	Walkway Driveway
<b>Holding Tank</b> use if onsite disposal is not possible – effluent must be hauled to an approved disposal site	1 m	3 m	9 m	9 m	3 m	1.5 m
<b>Septic Tank</b> Usually the first tank or settling tank for an onsite system	1 m	3 m	9 m	9 m	3 m	1.5 m
<b>Mound</b>	9 m	3 m	<b>15 m</b>	15 m	3 m	1.5 m
<b>Jet (or open discharge)</b> Minimum lot size of 4 ha or 9.8 acres	60 m	60 m	45 m	45 m	30 m	<b>30 m</b>
<b>Absorption Field</b> (buried)	9 m	3 m	15 m	15 m	3 m	1.5 m
<b>Chamber System</b>	9 m	3 m	15 m	15 m	3 m	1.5 m
<b>Lagoon</b> Minimum lot size of 4 ha or 9.8 acres	60 m (300 m to Neighbour Dwelling)	30 m	90 m	90 m	30 m	