

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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EXISTING ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM (OSTDS) **“LIKE FOR LIKE” APPROVAL**

OSTDS existing system applications must be accompanied by information and materials specified below prior to approval of a “like for like” replacement of the structure on the property. The approval does not guarantee that the system will work but allows a property owner to remove an old or damaged residence and attempt to use an existing septic tank system with a new structure of the same size (bedrooms and/or amount of heated and cooled area).

The following documents are required before an application is complete:

- **Application fee is \$75.00** and due when application is turned in. Application form must have ALL REQUIRED information filled out before it is accepted. If incomplete, the package will be returned to the applicant. List both the current and proposed structures on the application.

APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. Submitting the package by email is fine, but forward the original documents by regular mail. If a representative is appointed to act on your behalf, a Letter of Authorization must be submitted (**Provided**), or a copy of a legal contract. Fees are subject to change.

- **Site plan** drawn to scale on graph paper, or a survey of property with dimensions showing placement of: structure, septic system, water source (well/water hookup), driveway, and any other buildings, swimming pools, easements, drainage features, slopes, or bodies of water on property.
- **Floor plan**, of new and prior dwellings, drawn to scale with overall dimensions of structure, and all rooms identified.
- **Legal Description of Property** – Deed or Survey with complete description.
- Note to this office stating that system will be used as it was designed for, with no increased sewage flow. Provided by this office.
- Existing OSTDS approval will be issued if the requirements of Chapter 64E-6, Florida Administrative Code are met and sewage flow is unchanged. Customers denied OSTDS existing system approval may apply for a repair or modification/upgrade permit.
- An existing system application is **valid for one (1) year** from the date of purchase.

For additional information or assistance please contact the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County’s Environmental Health Office at (850) 705-6116. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday.

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