



General information regarding  
**NEW SWIMMING POOL or SPA ADDITIONS**

When determining the placement of a project such as a POOL or SPA, it is critical that the septic system not be compromised in any way. Because a septic system needs periodic maintenance, cleaning and sometimes replacement, construction over or in close proximity to a system is prohibited.

What does County of Marin EHS require on all projects?

- Building plans must show septic tank, disposal field (leach lines), and water sources (wells and springs) on plot plan.
- Plans need to show parcel boundaries, existing structures & have a North arrow
- Maintain setbacks as noted.

	<b>Setback to Septic Tank</b>	<b>Setback to Edge of Disposal Field</b>	<b>Setback to Well</b>
POOL or SPA	10 ft.	25 ft.	50 ft.

- Provide documentation of system inspection, if required. (see below)
- No structures can be built over the disposal field (leach lines) or septic tank.
- Nonconforming tanks (redwood, steel) need to be replaced under permit from EHS.
- A potential reserve area must be determined by a Qualified Professional or Marin County REHS only, and shown on plot plan.
- Approval of New Pool or Spa will be based on availability of a replacement area for septic system.
- Pool and spa back wash shall not be discharged in to the septic system unless the system is designed for receiving back wash.
- Building permit cannot be approved until all documentation is received in EHS.

**Class I or Class II** - *No inspection of system is required.* Recommend system be pumped and inspected by an approved licensed septic pumper service.

**Class III** – *Septic system inspection* required by an approved licensed septic pumper service or NAWT/QSP (National Association Waste Transporter /Qualified Service Providers) or a Qualified Professional. Recommend system have risers and effluent filters. Reserve area to be set aside if one is not shown on plans.

**Class IV** - *Require system to be documented and inspected by a NAWT/QSP or Qualified Professional. (Date of Inspection report will need to be within one year before date of building permit application)*  
The inspector's report must include a simple plot plan indicating the location of septic tank, sumps, disposal field, etc in relation to the residence(s) or other structures. Reserve area to be set aside if one is not shown on plans.