

Septic tanks and on-site sewage treatment

1. Check

WHO WILL NEED TO BE INVOLVED ?



SITE AND SOIL EVALUATOR

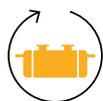


QUALIFIED OSST DESIGNER



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ON-SITE SEWERAGE FACILITIES APPROVAL



You will need an application for all new on-site sewerage facility installations, septic tank installations, additions to existing facilities and conversions from septic to treatment plants.

To make an application for a permit, a Site and Soil Evaluator will be required to assess the type of on-site sewerage facility that best suits the property (Please note: Council does not offer this service).

2. Plan



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WHAT DO I NEED TO ORGANISE BEFORE I LODGE?

Qualified OSST Designer will be required to prepare the design of the on-site sewerage facility

3. Send

A report and design plan prepared by the designer is required to be lodged with Council's Development Services Section

Applications can be submitted and paid for using [Council's Online Development Application Portal](#)

4. Start

Once Council has issued your approval, the system will need to be installed by a qualified professional, with inspections to be undertaken by Council's plumbing inspectors.

Ongoing maintenance is essential! Maintaining a treatment plant or sand filter is mandatory under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*. The steps involved vary depending on whether the system is a treatment plant, sand filter or septic system.

Most treatment plants require compulsory servicing every three months or as per the conditions of approval. Owners have a legal responsibility to have the system serviced on time, in full, and any items rectified in a timely manner.

Servicing must be carried out by qualified persons and the report forwarded to the owner and the Council within 10 business days from the date of the service.

Please note that should Council become aware of a treatment plant or sand filter system not being maintained as required, enforcement action may be undertaken and penalties applied.