

**Rural Lakes Region
Local Environmental Protection Program
P O Box 282
Junction City, KS 66441**

**FEES FOR SERVICES
Effective 03/01/09**

THE FOLLOWING FEES APPLY TO ALL RURAL LAKES REGION, LEPP COUNTIES:

PRIVATE WASTEWATER PERMITS* (Septic systems, including lagoons)	PRIVATE WATER WELL PERMITS**
\$ 250.00 (New Construction)	\$50.00 (New wells) Includes water test
\$ 300.00 (Homeowner/Self Installation)	
\$ 100.00 (Modification or major repairs)	

<p>*Wastewater permits are required for all new construction or modifications to existing systems in all Rural Lakes Counties. ** Well permits are required for all new private water supply well drilling in all Rural Lakes Region Counties.</p>
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**WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLER MAINTENANCE APPLICATION
AND ANNUAL FEE \$50.00**

WATER TESTING – Private Wells (All Participating Counties)

Bacteria and Nitrate (Both)	\$20.00
Bacteria (coliforms & E. coli) Only	\$10.00
Nitrate Only	\$10.00

REAL ESTATE INSPECTIONS (All Participating Counties)

NOTE: On-site wastewater system inspection is required for all real estate sales in Geary County. Morris County is by request only.

On-site Wastewater System	\$ 200.00
On-site Wastewater Lagoon	\$ 100.00
Return/Follow up inspection*	\$ 50.00
Holding Tank	\$ 50.00
Private Water Supply (well)	\$ 75.00 (includes water screening through a KDHE certified water laboratory)¹
Private Water Supply (well)	\$ 50.00 (includes water screening through the Rural Lakes Region water screening laboratory)²

NOTE: Rural Lakes Region does maintain a listing of local contractors for excavation, installing and/or pumping of on-site wastewater septic systems.

***Return/follow up inspection required when maintenance or repair work is cited during inspection.**

Note¹: Bacteria and Nitrates only. The \$50.00 fee is a minimum cost for water analysis. The cost may vary according to actual tests required and current laboratory fees.

Note²: Rural Lakes Region operates a public service water laboratory. This laboratory is not certified by KDHE. If there are any legal concerns about testing the well water, a KDHE certified water laboratory should be used.

Any questions about permits, inspections and/or fees for service should be referred to Lisa Davies at (785) 762-5788

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Inspections for Property Resale Private Water Supply Wells & Private On-site Wastewater Systems

Private Water Supply Inspections (by request only – normally lending institutions or by buyer contract)

Includes:

1) Water Screening

Coliform Bacteria, E. coli Bacteria, and Nitrate

[sample should be taken from an indoor faucet and test should not be performed if in-line disinfection system (Ultraviolet light, chlorine injection, etc.), is present]. The purpose is to determine the quality of the water before it is disinfected.

2) Checking basic well construction (sanitary seal cap and casing height above ground – includes determining condition)

3) Checking for potential contamination sources near the well (generally within 200 feet of the constructed well)

Requirements: The property owner (or authorized representative) must ensure that any electricity to the well is turned on prior to having well water screened.

Private On-site Wastewater System Inspection: Prior to any Real Estate transaction, it is Mandatory in Geary County to have the system inspected. Any other county may request an inspection as required by the lending institution or any legal binding contracts.

Septic Tank Inspections:

1) Property owner (or authorized representative) is responsible for ensuring that the septic tank lid is properly exposed. While, in some cases, this may only require a shovel, because some tanks are placed very deep, it may require a backhoe.

2) Property owner (or authorized representative) is responsible to ensure that the water supply is turned on (or available) during inspection. Water supply must be available, otherwise the inspection is incomplete (the drainage cannot be confirmed).

3) Property owner (or authorized representative) is responsible for coordinating the pumping of the septic tank.

Lagoon Inspections: Property owner (or authorized representative) is responsible to ensure that the water supply is turned on (or available) during inspection. Water supply must be available, otherwise the inspection is incomplete (the drainage cannot be confirmed).

Vault Inspections: Same as for Septic Tank Inspections.