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**SITE EVALUATION CHECK LIST**

Complete the following checklist prior to scheduling a site evaluation. Site evaluations may be billed at the time of the evaluation, unless the evaluation is associated with an open project. Fees are assessed based on purpose of site evaluation.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred method of contact: Call Text Email Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you the property owner? Yes No **(If YES, skip to Property Information)**  
 If no, what is your relationship to the project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have permission from the property owner to do a site evaluation? Yes No  
 Legal Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who should the site evaluation results go to? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Source: Domestic/Private Well Public System, name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has the water source been tested in the last 3-5 years?: Yes, results available No  
 Is sewer or public wastewater system within 200ft of property? Yes No  
 Parcel Size (acres): \_\_\_\_\_ Are there existing easements/encumbrances? Yes No  
 If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Purpose of Site Eval: New System Replacement System Expansion/Repair  
 Land Use/Planning Review Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 This site evaluation and project is associated with (check all that apply):  
 Short Plat Rural Housing Certificate Building Permit Property Transfer  
 Failure of existing septic Other, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Use: Residential: # Bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you contacted County Planning to discuss your project? Yes No  
 According to County Planning, is this property in a Critical Area? Yes No  
 If yes, describe: Wetland Floodplain Palouse Prairie Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you called 811 to locate all utilities? Yes No NA (no utilities on site)

**SITE EVALUATION INFORMATION:**

A backhoe/excavator and experienced operator will be onsite during site eval Yes No  
 The backhoe/excavator is equipped to dig several 6-8' deep, 3-4' wide test holes Yes No  
 Backhoe Operator is a Licensed OSS Professional Yes, Name \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 Backhoe Operator has read the Site Evaluation Excavation Instructions Yes No  
 Preferred weekdays and times for scheduling a site eval: \_\_\_\_\_

**BILLING INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

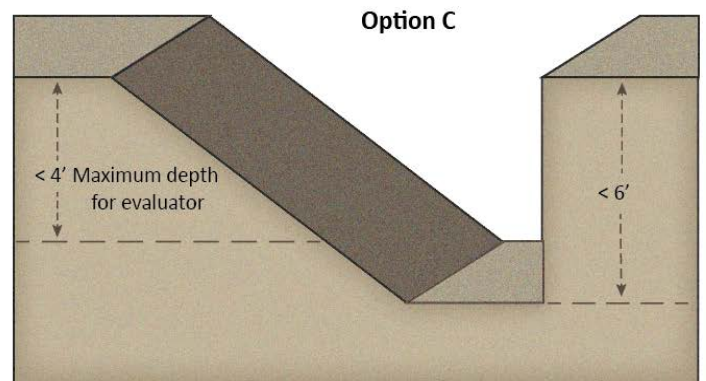
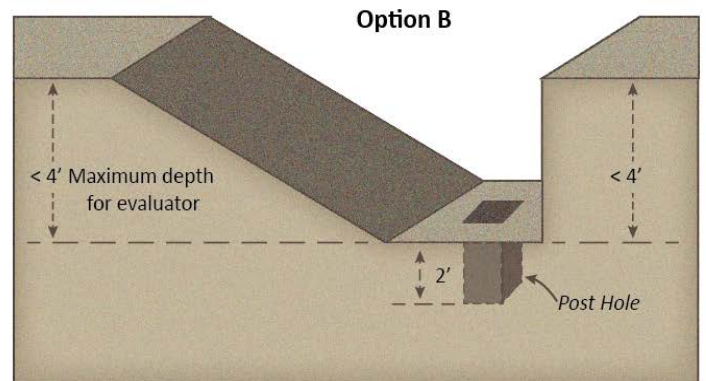
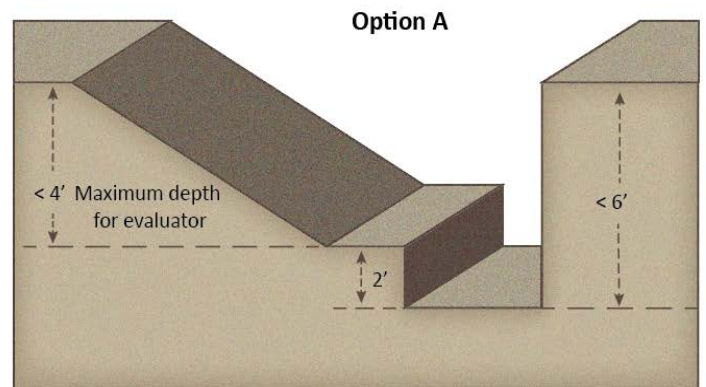


# Guidelines for Test Pit Construction for On-site Sewage Systems

Safety and soil characterization are both important when constructing a test pit for an on-site sewage system soil review. The three test pit options in this guidance will meet the Washington State Labor and Industries (L&I) safety requirements in Chapter 296-155 WAC. The three options can be used for all soil types listed in On-Site Sewage Systems Chapter 246-272A WAC and Chapter 246-272B WAC except as noted below. Local Health Jurisdictions may have more specific guidance for their local area. The reviewing agency should be consulted before test pits are constructed.

## Test Pit Construction

- Call 811 to locate underground utilities prior to digging.
- All test pits must be evaluated for stability by a competent person per WAC 296-155-657. Test pits shall not be entered if deemed unstable.
- Use the least stable soil for evaluating test pit stability when there is a layered soil profile.
- Regardless of soil type, a test pit that shows distress such as fissures or cracks is deemed unstable.
- Benching for test pit stability can only be done in unsaturated soils with greater than 15% fines (silt and clay). This means some DOH Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3 soils and soils seeping freely may not qualify for Test Pit Option A.
- The three test pit options do not allow an evaluator to enter the test pit to a depth greater than 4 feet. To enter to a depth greater than 4 feet, additional requirements in WAC 296-155-657 must be followed.
- Every test pit must have a ramp that provides for entry and exit into the test pit without the need of aid.
- All spoils must be placed at least 2 feet from the edge of the test pit.
- All equipment within 20 feet of the test pit should be shut down when a person is in the test pit.
- For Large On-site Sewage Systems (LOSS) an excavator must be on site.
- Test pits shall not be left open for an extended period unless properly barricaded per L&I regulation. An example of a properly barricaded test pit is orange construction fencing surrounding the entire test pit and secured by metal fence posts.



For more information contact Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, your local health jurisdiction, or the Washington State Department of Health.

## Qualified OSS Designers

Anacine Engineering,	4025 Eagle Court Lewiston, ID 83501	208-791-8055	anacline@aol.com
Metro Engineering	3929 E Boone Ave Spokane, WA 99202	509-642-9351	jlee@metroengineering.org
Palouse River Rock	120 S Main St. Colfax, WA 99111	509-397-3556	ben.palouseriverrock@gmail.com

## 2019 Whitman County Licensed Evaluators

Ball + Ball LLC dba Roto Rooter	2924 Hatwai Road Lewiston, ID 83501	208-746-4282	rrjessica@cableone.net
H&R Complete	PO Box 749 Newman Lake, WA 99025	509-228-9955	hrcomplete@msn.com
Palouse Valley Septic	P.O. Box 367 Potlatch, ID 83857	208-596-6016	septiccleaner@gmail.com
Roach Construction Company	214 E Walnut Street Genesee, ID 83832	208-285-1411	roachcc@genesee-id.com

## 2019 Whitman County Licensed Installers

Ball + Ball LLC dba Roto Rooter	2924 Hatwai Road Lewiston, ID 83501	208-746-4282	rrjessica@cableone.net
Boyd & Boyd Construction LLC	4252 Sand Road Pullman, WA 99163	509-336-3669	chad@dirtmovers.org
H&R Complete	PO Box 749 Newman Lake, WA 99025	509-228-9955	hrcomplete@msn.com
Johns Excavation & Landscapin	1012 Hemlock Drive Lewiston, ID 83501	208-798-9971	tdjohns67@cableone.net
Johnson Excavation Service, IN	2922 HWY 95 S Moscow, ID 83843	208-882-546	johnsonexc@frontier.com
Mega D Excavation LLC	P.O. Box 813 Pullman, WA 99163	509-595-4401	megadexcavation@outlook.com
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