

## Septic Permits FLOOR PLAN GUIDANCE AND EXAMPLES

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### Why are floor plans important?

The size of your septic systems is based on the number of bedrooms in your house. A bedroom is *broadly defined* for the purpose of septic system sizing. The Health code defines it as:

Any room that is or may be used for sleeping. An unfinished basement is considered as one (1) additional bedroom for initial system sizing. A separate building without plumbing or running water may be considered as one or more additional bedrooms to a structure with plumbing or running water. The Department has the sole discretion to determine if a room may be considered a bedroom.

The Health Code also states that any space or room such as a den, study, storage area, or any area that can easily be converted is considered an additional bedroom. A floor plan, even roughly drawn and not to scale, illustrates what the owner is proposing, and captures why the septic system is being sized a certain way.

### Can I draw my own floor plans?

Yes! Floor plans don't have to be to scale; they just have to be readable.

### What has to be on my floor plan?

The floor plans need to show all the rooms in the house(s) and other structure(s) served by the septic system. A structure doesn't have to be connected to the septic system to be served by it. (For example, a separate, one room "dry" bunk house would be counted as an additional bedroom when sizing the septic system.) Include a drawing of each floor. Label all the rooms. Show the location of doors and windows. Floor plans need to be on paper no larger than 11" x 17" ..

### Examples of adequate Floor Plans



