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Repairing Your Septic System: When is a Permit Required?

- ✓ According to AAC R18-9-A309(A)(9), the definition of a “Repair”:
 - Routine work that maintains a facility.
 - Extending the disposal works *less* than 10 feet.
 - No permit is required.

- ✓ A permit is required for the following:
 - Converting a gravity system to one requiring a pump or other powered equipment for treatment (tank) or disposal.
 - Modifying or replacing a facility operating under a 1.09 General Permit with a different type of treatment (tank) or disposal technology.
 - Changing the treatment works (tank) or disposal works of a facility authorized under one or more Type 4 General Permits to a technology covered by any other Type 4 General Permit.
 - Extending the disposal works *more* than 10 feet beyond the footprint of the original disposal works.
 - Reconstructing any part of the disposal works in soil that is inadequate for the treated wastewater flow or strength (a new soil evaluation may be required if the disposal area is in a different location and/or there is not a current – 2001 or newer – soil evaluation of file for the system.
 - Expanding the footprint of the facility into or within setback buffers establishment in R18-9-A312(C).
 - Reconstructing the disposal works so that it does not meet the vertical separation requirements specified in R18-9-A312(E).
 - Modifying a treatment works (tank) or disposal works to accommodate a daily design flow or wastewater load greater than the daily design flow or wastewater load applicable to the original facility.
 - Replacing the treatment works (tank)
 - An abandonment permit is required if the old septic tank is being replaced.

- ✓ Fee Structure:
 - Standard septic system for residential property--\$200
 - Standard septic system for commercial properties--\$300
 - Alternative system--\$450
 - Abandonment--\$200
 - Reinspection for Red Card--\$100
 - Installing a standard septic system without a permit--\$1,000
 - Installing an alternative septic system without a permit--\$1,500
 - Owner Builder for residential properties--\$400

Note: Forms and the Aquifer Protection Rule can be obtained from the Environmental Health Website at: <http://www.lapazcomdev.com/>.