

Public Health – Muskegon County
2026 Environmental Quality Fee Schedule

Fees are subject to annual changes.

- a) Plan reviews that have no activity within a period of 12 months shall be closed out. All original fees will be charged to re-open plan review after the initial 12 month period.
- b) Permits expire 24 months from the date of issuance.
- c) Permits and plan reviews include an unlimited number of site visits and plan submittals, prior to final approval or system installation. All original fees will be charged if changes are made after a final approval or system installation.

Campgrounds

Full Plan Review - For the review of plans pertaining to construction of a new or the addition of lots or facilities to a fixed campground location. Includes minimum system design criteria, site evaluations and construction visits. In the event that new or expanded water or sewage systems are required, separate plan review fees for those services may be assessed. (a)(c)	\$100
Fixed/Established Campgrounds - For the inspection of a fixed campground (State Fee not included).	\$175
Temporary Campground - For application review and inspection of a temporary campground (State Fee not included).	\$115

DHS Inspections

Full Facility Inspection - \$300	Existing Well Inspection - \$151	Existing Septic Inspection - \$150
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Septic Systems

Septic Evaluation – Frequently requested by banks for loans or by licensing agencies for group homes, day care centers, etc. Includes an assessment of an existing installation and generation of report on the findings. System will be evaluated on the following minimum standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation from drinking water supplies, groundwater and surface water bodies per state & local regulations • Construction per state & local regulations • Operation (when possible) to be determined by boring(s)/probing within the seepage bed. 	\$150
Septic System Permit -Includes all septic systems (commercial & domestic) Includes record review, application and site plan review for traditional systems, site evaluation(s), minimum system design criteria and final inspection. (a)(b)(c)	\$175
Septic Tank Permit - Includes a record review, application and site plan review, site evaluation, minimum system design criteria and final inspection. (a)(b)(c)	\$115
Installation of Septic System Without Prior Permit - Punitive fee - Includes permit application fee, plan and site review, development of minimum system design criteria, evaluation of system installed to determine compliance with minimum criteria (owner is responsible to uncover or otherwise make the installation accessible for evaluation), additional site visits to evaluate corrections and/or abandonment of the illicit installation. (a)(b)(c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Tank • Septic Systems 	\$230 \$350

Wells

Well Evaluation - Frequently requested by banks for loans or by licensing agencies for group homes, day care centers, etc. Includes an assessment of an existing installation and generation of report on findings. System will be evaluated on the following minimum standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation from sources of contamination per state & local regulations • Construction per state & local regulations • Production (when possible) 	\$115
With Coliform Bacteria and Partial Chemistry	\$151
With Coliform Bacteria, Partial Chemistry and Lead	\$166
Private & Type III Well Permit - Includes record review, application and site plan review, preliminary site evaluation(s) as needed, and final inspection as required. (a)(b)(c)	\$125
Private Well Permit with Coliform Bacteria and Partial Chemistry	\$161
Type III Well Permit with 2 Coliform Bacteria, 1 Partial Chemistry and an additional site visit	\$237
Irrigation Well Permit	\$135
Additional Coliform Bacteria	\$16
Additional Partial Chemistry	\$20
Lead Analysis	\$15
Volatile Organic (VOC) Chemistry	\$65
Synthetic Organic Compound (SOC)	\$50
Complete Metals	\$94
Cyanide	\$20
Copper	\$15
Arsenic	\$15
Lead/Copper	\$26
Nitrate/Nitrite	\$20
Type II Well Permit - For plan review, site evaluation, construction visit(s), minimum system design criteria and one final inspection as required. (a)(b)(c)	\$325
With 2 Coliform Bacteria, 1 Partial Chemistry and an additional site visit	\$437
Additional Coliform Bacteria	\$16
Additional Partial Chemistry	\$20
Lead Analysis	\$15
Volatile Organic (VOC) Chemistry	\$65
Synthetic Organic Compound (SOC)	\$50
Complete Metals	\$104
Cyanide	\$20
Copper	\$15
Arsenic	\$15
Lead/Copper	\$26
Nitrate/Nitrite	\$20
Installation of Well Without Prior Permit - Punitive fee - Includes permit application fee, plan and site review, development of minimum system design criteria, evaluation of system installed to determine compliance with minimum criteria, additional site visits to evaluate corrections and/or abandonment of the illicit installation (a)(b)(c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type II Well • Private or Type III Well 	\$650 \$250

Vacant Land

Vacant Land Evaluation - Includes record review and up to 2 borings in the areas identified by the applicant (by staking or site diagram). One report on findings will be provided to the applicant. In the event that the applicant does not specify the locations at the time of application, the sanitarian shall evaluate based on the worst-case scenario.	\$115
Vacant Land Evaluation Additional Borings - As specified by the applicant (fee includes 2 borings)	\$55

Plan Reviews

Commercial Septic Plan Review - Includes review of plans and specifications of traditional systems (except single and 2 family dwellings). Includes generation of minimum system design criteria. (a)	\$100
Alternative System Plan Review – Includes the review of plans, manufacturer’s specifications, literature and site evaluation(s) (a)(c)	\$300
Subdivision Review - Includes record review, plan review, site evaluation(s), minimum system design criteria, deed restriction drafting and review, consultation(s) with engineers, legal counsel and governmental entities involved, preliminary approval and final approval letters and final submittal to the MDEQ. (a)(c)	\$780

Public Pools and Spas

Public Pool/Spa Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of one pool per location • Each additional pool at the same location Includes one site visit to inspect a pool or spa and associated facilities per state regulation.	\$125 \$50
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Additional Fees

Additional Site visit - Applied when the applicant fails to provide access for sanitarian to complete the evaluation during a scheduled site visit or when another site visit is required to verify corrective action. (Ex. Water samples could not be collected during the initial inspection because the water is not on in the home.)	\$60
Supervisor/Coordinator site re-evaluation (Appeal) – Applied when the applicant requests a change to the permit specifications after the system is installed. The request must be made in writing on forms supplied by the department.	\$200
Preliminary Report - Assessed when a report of preliminary findings is requested (prior to receipt of all the required data).	\$25
Refund Fee - The applicant may request a refund for services. No refund will be issued when work has already been started by the sanitarian.	\$60

Body Art

Provides permits, inspections and regulation of body art facilities to decrease the risk of transmission of bloodborne diseases.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review – Includes pre-opening inspection. • Routine Inspection – Annual renewal of license or new applications received prior to July 1. • Routine Inspection – New applications received on or after July 1. • Reinspection • Temporary License – Inspection of independent unit for 14 days or less at a fixed location. • Temporary License – Inspection at shared resource event for 14 days or less at a fixed location. 	\$225 \$150 \$80 \$135 \$60 \$30

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