



City of Gloucester
Board of Health
Regulations
**Septic System Setback
Distances**

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Gloucester Health Department

SEPTIC SYSTEM SETBACK DISTANCES

These Setbacks are Required for New Construction -- Permission may be Granted for Upgrades
Under 1995 Title 5 and Gloucester Onsite Wastewater Regulations (adopted 8/3/00)

	Title 5				Local Regs	
	Septic Tank		Leach Facility		Septic Tank	Leach Facility
Property Line	10'		10'			
Cellar Wall or Swimming Pool (in-ground)	10'		20'			
Slab Foundation	10'		10'	-	-	20'
Habitable or Occupiable Space <i>Ex: house, attached garage</i>	-	-	-	-	-	20'
Accessory Building with NO Habitable or Occupiable Space <i>Ex: shed</i>	-	-	-	-	-	10'
Water Supply Line	10'		10'			
Freshwater Resource Area*	-	25'	50'		100'	100'
Certified Vernal Pool	-	50'	100'		100'	100'
Coastal Resource Area*	-	25'	50'		100'	200'
Surface Water Supply	-	400'	400'		400'	400'
Tributaries to Surface Water Supply	-	200'	200'		400'	400'
Wetlands bordering Surface Water Supply or Tributary thereto		100'	100'		400'	400'
Private Potable Water Well	-	50'	100'		-	150'
Irrigation Well	-	10'	25'			
Open, Surface or Subsurface Drains which discharge to Surface Water Supplies or Tributaries thereto		50'	100'			
Other Open, Surface or Subsurface Drains (excluding foundation drains) which intercept seasonal groundwater		25'	50'			
Down-gradient subsurface drain discharging directly to Resource Areas*		-	-	-	-	50'
Other Open, Surface or Subsurface Drains (excluding foundation drains)		5'	10'			
Leaching Catch Basins & Dry Wells		10'	25'			