

## Plan Ahead!

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Northwest Michigan is a development hotspot.

HDNW's Environmental Health Onsite Services may take 3 weeks to be completed. Plan real estate closings accordingly.

Our office is located in the Health Department building across the street from the MTEC Center.



## Other Services Offered at the Health Department

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- Purchase water testing kits
- Partial Chemistry and bacteriological tests available
- Purchase Radon Test Kits
- Area Beach Testing
- Learn about:
  - Ticks
  - Rabies
  - The District Sanitary Code

### Contact Us:

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## Otsego County Property Buying Guide

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- Ensure your property has water and wastewater systems that can support your family.
- Does your property have municipal water and sewer?
- Will your property require a new well or septic system?
- Are you purchasing in an area that can be difficult for onsite wastewater disposal (ex. Lakeshore)?

## Real Estate Evaluation

*If you are purchasing an existing home:*

Get a **Existing System Real Estate Evaluation.**

Get a report highlighting the condition of your current septic system and what size house it can support.

Learn about your existing well, its conditions, and water quality through water samples.

*Are you planning on using your property for short-term rental?*

Get a **Short-Term Rental Real Estate Evaluation.**

Determine how many people your wastewater system can handle.

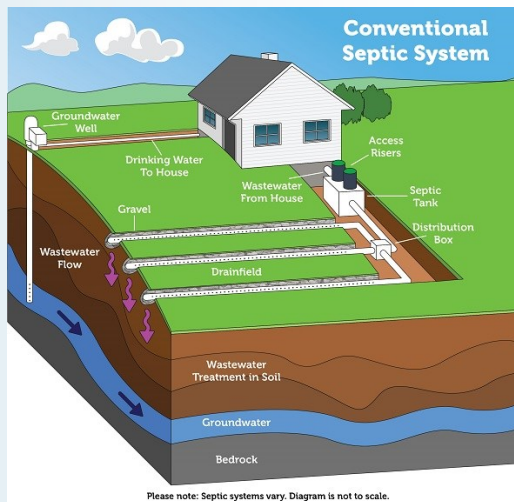
## Site Evaluation

*If you are purchasing vacant property or are planning to demo and rebuild:*

Get a **Site Evaluation.**

Learn if the property meets District Sanitary Code requirements for development and what type of wastewater system may be appropriate.

Learn about the availability of water and the depths/flows of area water wells.



Please note: Septic systems vary. Diagram is not to scale.

Septic graphic from [epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

## Existing System Evaluation

*Do you want to make an addition to or replace your existing home or add an accessory building?*

Get an **Existing System Evaluation.**

Learn what your well and septic system can support and where upgrades or new septic systems may be needed.

The Health Department can provide historic well records and septic permits for your property of interest.

