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Wet Weather Testing Delayed for Some Soil Types

Westminster, MD (March 5, 2018) – In accordance with Maryland Sewage Disposal and Subdivision regulations (COMAR 26.04.02.04B and 26.04.03.02A), the testing of those soils identified as "wet weather soils" was delayed from the normal start date of February 1. Ground water levels were below normal and the requirement that "soil percolation tests and any other tests as may be required shall be performed at the time of year when the highest water table can be expected at the on-site sewage disposal area" was not satisfied.

Subsequent readings from monitoring wells indicate that water levels in some wet weather soils are still not at normal wet weather levels. The exception to this are certain soils series in the North Western portion of the County. For this reason, testing of soils in the following soil types may commence immediately:

Abbottstown (AbA, AbB)
Birdsboro (BfA, BfB, BfC)
Bucks (BuA, BuB)
Croton (CrA, CrB)
Klinesville (KaB, KaC, KbD)
Lewisberry (LeB, LeC, LeD)
Penn (PeA, PeB, PeC, PhA, PhB, PhC, PnA, PnB, PnC)
Raritan (RaA)
Reaville (ReA, ReB)

In the case of all other wet weather soils, testing will be delayed by at least one additional week. Further delays will be considered on a week by week basis.

For scheduling, please contact the Environmental Health Specialist who reviewed your plan. As usual, fees must be paid prior to scheduling percolation tests.

Anyone who has questions should contact the Carroll County Health Department, Bureau of Environmental Health at [\(410\) 876-1884](tel:4108761884). You may also visit our Environmental Health private sewerage web page at <http://cchd.maryland.gov/environmental-health-private-sewerage/>

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