

GENESEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
3837 WEST MAIN STREET ROAD
BATAVIA, NY 14020-9406

PERCOLATION TEST INSTRUCTIONS

PROCEDURE:

1. Request letter and fee (\$200.00) are required before a perc test can be scheduled (check or money order made payable to the Genesee County Health Department).
2. A six (6') foot pit shall be provided in the center of three (3) small percolation holes as designated by the Health Department representative. This hole should be six (6') feet deep and wide enough for observations related to the ground water table and soil profiles.
3. Dig or bore three (3) test holes in the location, as determined by the representative of the Genesee County Health Department. These holes should have horizontal dimensions of twelve (12") inches, vertical sides to the depth of thirty (30") inches and approximately 25' feet from the deep hole, triangulating out.
4. When the three (3) small holes and six (6') foot pit are completed, call the Health Department at 344-2580, and press (option) 1 for the Environmental Health Division. An appointment will be made with a representative of the Environmental Health Division to continue with the percolation tests.
5. Fill the three (3) small holes with water the night before the percolation test is to be conducted. **DO NOT** put water in the six (6') foot hole.
6. Have 5-7 gallons of water at the site of each small hole the day of the percolation test.