

Washoe County Health District (WCHD) Property Owner's Guidance North Valleys Flood

The WCHD reviews all residential building plans which utilize onsite sewage disposal systems (OSDS) and domestic wells. The WCHD will work in conjunction with the Building and Safety and Planning Divisions within the Community Services Department of Washoe County to assist in the rebuilding or property rehabilitation process. In an effort to assist in this process WCHD has done the following for homeowners:

1. WCHD recommends all property owners contact our office regarding their domestic wells prior to initiating any work on them as part of the flood recovery process.
2. WCHD recommends all septic and well infrastructure be evaluated for damage and functionality as part of the rebuilding process.
3. You may send electronic requests for Septic/Well/Health Parcel Records to healthes@washoecounty.us.
4. The WCHD will follow the lead of WC CSD regarding current nonconforming uses and their rebuilds.
5. The WCHD, in an effort to promote environmental stewardship, will attempt to designate a repair area for all OSDS systems which originally did not have an approved designated repair area whether or not the rebuilt residence/outbuilding is using the original foundation footprint.
6. Any rebuilds which do not utilize the exact same foundation footprint will require the property owner to meet the current regulations of the WCHD and the attached Septic System Permit Application Requirements Document. To expedite this process, if you do not know exactly where your system is located, the WCHD recommends you locate it prior to submitting plans.
7. The WCHD will provide all residents affected by the North Valleys Flood will conduct an initial damage assessment of your property and will at the request of the property owner provide one additional onsite advisory inspection prior to the submittal of all construction plans if requested free of charge for answer any questions or assist in plan submittal.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the rebuilding process or WCHD requirements please contact the Waste Management/Land Development Supervisor, James English, at jenglish@washoecounty.us or at 775-328-2434.