

The Montgomery County Sanitary Code was adopted in 1981 and was followed by multiple amended versions which expanded the regions and extent for assisting public health, surface and groundwater protection through local enforcement. The intent of code adoption was initially directed at regulating individual onsite wastewater disposal systems (septic, lagoons, etc.) via the establishment of minimum installation and operational standards. Later reversionary forms of the code addressed licensure for contractual services rendered on individual disposal systems, alternative designs for addressing limiting site characteristics, nuisance abatement, and the mandatory inspection of any properties less than 25 acres engaged in a prospective sale, lease, or rental transaction for which an individual onsite wastewater system is to be developed or utilized for domestic sewage disposal. An applicable fee for such activities and services are required. (See Schedule of Permit Fees)

In 1993, the Montgomery County Sanitary Code was amended with a specific intent to meet and exceed state regulations for the construction, reconstruction or abandonment of individual water wells. Management of these water well regulations were implemented and continue to be monitored during ownership transfer inspections revealing an onsite water well and a permitting procedures for any proposal of any new well's construction.

Further water quality assurance services were made available in 1997 upon the establishment of local laboratory services through the Environmental Health Department. (See Laboratory Services) In an effort to further assist individuals citizens utilizing private water supply sources, an educational agenda has been implemented which includes public information as to sources of contamination, importance of a well protection plan, and the need for maintenance and testing of their water supply source. (See FYI water well owners)

A copy of the aforementioned regulations are available upon request to the Montgomery County Environmental Health/Zoning Department.

Laboratory Services

Laboratory services provided by the Montgomery County Environmental Health Department include analysis for the presence of coliform and E. coli bacteria, nitrate levels, free and total chlorine content and pH. Members of this office collect water samples from the site to ensure specimen integrity. Collection of samples is conducted Monday through Wednesday due to the length of time required for primary and confirmation analysis.