



Water and Wastewater Requirements for Building Permits

The following are water and wastewater requirements for building permit approval by Buncombe County (BC) for all jurisdictions in the County **EXCEPT** the Town of Black Mountain and City of Asheville, who issue their own permits. Please check with those jurisdictions for water/wastewater requirements.

PERMIT TYPE	WATER SERVICE OPTIONS	WASTEWATER OPTIONS
New Construction <i>(Residential and Commercial)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water availability letter or meter receipt from the water utility (City of Asheville or other provider. BC will hold the building permit CO until water receipt received), OR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer service approval from Metropolitan Sewage District (MSD) and a receipt showing zero balance, OR Issued septic authorization to construct permit from BC Environmental Health (BC will hold the building permit CO until Septic operational permit is issued), OR Existing system check and approval or completed existing system affidavit is required by BC Environmental Health
Manufactured home <i>(not in a park)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> issued well permit for authorization to construct (AC) from BC Environmental Health, OR 	
Exterior Work <i>(Res. and Com. Additions, decks, or other work requiring a footprint change)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing required 	
Manufactured home <i>(in approved park)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing required with existing water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD: Sewer service application approval from MSD and a receipt showing zero balance is required Septic: Existing system check and approval or completed existing system affidavit is required by BC Environmental Health
Interior Renovation <i>(Commercial)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing required 	
Interior Renovation <i>(Residential)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD: Sewer service application approval and a receipt showing zero balance Septic: Contact BC Environmental Health. Written approval required if no septic permit required.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSD: Nothing required with existing service Septic: Expansion permit required with BC Env. Health for additional bedrooms before issuance of building permit

Helpful contacts:

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