



## ***Septic System Repair Assistance Program***

Failing septic systems are a potential threat to public health and surface water quality. North Carolina law requires homeowners to repair failing septic systems. ***If you have a failing septic system, Buncombe County may be able to assist you with the cost of repairing the system.***

To apply for financial assistance, you must:

- 1) *Be a resident of Buncombe County and own and occupy your home.***
- 2) *Obtain a septic system repair permit from Buncombe County Environmental Health.*** To request a repair permit, you must submit an application to Environmental Health. Once the application is received, an Environmental Health Specialist will make a site visit and evaluate the existing system, determine repair options, and issue a repair permit.
- 3) *Obtain bids from at least 3 septic system contractors.*** Once the repair permit has been issued, you are responsible for obtaining bids from at least 3 contractors. A bid is an estimate of how much the repair will cost. We recommend that you request bids from more than 3 contractors to ensure that you receive at least 3 of the bids in a timely manner.
- 4) *Complete a Grant Application form.*** This form requests specific information needed to determine grant eligibility, including verification of income.

**5) *Submit the Grant Application and copies of 3 contractor bids to:***

Buncombe County Permits & Inspections  
30 Valley St  
Asheville, NC 28801

