

Soil Ratings for Septic Tank Absorption Fields

Soil ratings for septic tank absorption fields are derived from requirements of the NJ Dept of Health based on the Realty Improvement and Sewerage Facilities Act, Chapter 199. Soil ratings for septic tank absorption fields are considered applicable for residences on normal lot sizes, but not for public buildings or trailer parks.







A rating of moderate means that some soil properties are unfavorable, but can be overcome by careful planning, design and good management.

A rating of severe means soil properties are so unfavorable and so difficult to correct or overcome as to require soil reclamation, special design or intensive maintenance. Some properties are so unfavorable for particular use that overcoming the limitations is most difficult and costly and commonly not practical for the rated use.

Limitations for septic tank absorption fields identified in the Peapack Brook Subwatershed are as follows:

- Flooding
- Percs slowly
- Slope
- Wetness
- Poor filter
- Depth to rock
- Ponding

Legend

-  Roads
-  Rivers & Streams
-  Municipal Boundaries
-  Lakes & Ponds
-  Subwatershed Boundaries
-  Moderate Limitation
-  Severe Limitation

Data Sources:
 NJ Dept of Environmental Protection
 NJ Dept of Transportation
 US Geological Survey
 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



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