



**MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
ONSITE WASTEWATER PROGRAM**

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## **FLOODWAY AND FLOODPLAIN GUIDANCE**

The Arizona Aquifer Protection Permit Program (Rule) and the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (Code) regulate where an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Facility, commonly known as a Septic System, can be installed.

Each submittal for a permit to install a septic system must identify all washes, drainage easements, floodway and flood plain boundaries. In some instances Grading and Drainage plans may be required.

**No** permit for an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Facility will be issued if the proposed structures are in the floodway.

A permit **may** be issued for an Onsite Wastewater Treatment Facility on the parcel if:

- 1) a flood plain use permit is approved by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County
- 2) allowed by cities and towns that conduct their own floodplain management, and
- 3) the installation will meet all setbacks established by Rule and Code.

The following cities and towns conduct their own floodplain management. They should be consulted for floodway and floodplain issues if your parcel is located within their jurisdiction.

Avondale	623-333-4200
Fountain Hills	480-816-5100
Gilbert	480-530-6815
Glendale	623-930-3656
Goodyear	623-882-7979
Paradise Valley	480-348-3693
Peoria	623-773-7600
Phoenix	602-262-4960
Scottsdale	480-312-2356
Tempe	480-350-8288

In unincorporated Maricopa County or in cities and towns that do not conduct their own floodplain management, use the [Floodplain Viewer](#) or call 602-506-1501 to determine if the parcel is in a floodway or floodplain.

To use the Floodplain Viewer:

1. Click on the Search Tool and search by Assessor Parcel Number
2. Once the parcel is located, select the Layers and Legend tool to determine if the parcel is within a floodplain or floodway.