

In order to obtain a building permit, the rough grading and SDMP ditches have to be complete.

What is “rough grading”?

The area within the surrounding SDMP ditches is to be cleared and graded from the proposed drainfield towards the surrounding SDMP ditches. This can be considered “rough grading” until the drainfield is installed. The proposed drainfield has to be completely cleared. The remaining area outside the drainfield is to be generally cleared however some trees can selectively remain as long as the proposed grade of 0.5% can be achieved.

What are “SDMP ditches”?

The SDMP ditches are a minimum 18” deep, set back from the drainfield 60-80’ and completely surround it. The SDMP ditching also includes the outfall from the surrounding ditches. The SDMP ditches must be installed to the proper grade prior to building permit issuance.

Once rough grading and SDMP ditches are complete, contact 757-382-6304 or 757-382-8298 for an SDMP inspection.

After issuance of building permit:

Final grading will be inspected by the Health Department subsequent to the drainfield and septic tank being installed.