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Privy Requirements

What is a privy? A privy, also often called an outhouse, can be a suitable means for handling domestic waste in situations where the volume of waste generated is not regular or excessive and the inhabited structure does not have plumbing or is otherwise not connected to any water source. A privy is commonly used for recreational or residential structures and, if constructed properly, is an efficient and economical means for disposing of domestic waste.

Is a permit required for a privy? Yes. Under the provisions of the Iowa County Sanitary Ordinance, a privy Sanitation permit is required before any construction of said privy can begin. The permit is to ensure that privy is designed and constructed to meet the minimum requirements established to ensure proper handling of domestic waste.

What is the process for obtaining a privy Permit? The first step in the process is to contact Iowa County Office of Planning and Development for a privy requirements and specifications. If it is determined a privy can serve your proposed use, the process may involve a pre-construction inspection for siting consideration. There is an application to complete, a privy installation agreement that must be notarized and recorded with the Register of Deeds Office, design standards to be met, and a \$300.00 permit fee. The application must be accompanied by a detailed plot plan showing the proposed location of the privy in relation to existing structures, lot lines waterways, etc. The application must also be accompanied by a drawing with an explanation of the construction design and materials for the proposed privy and building. The following details the process and requirements:

1. A privy cannot be used for any that has internal plumbing or is connected to a water source. A code-conforming septic system must be installed in such a case.
2. If a an earthen pit privy (hole in the ground) is proposed , the soils at the site must be inspected by the Iowa County Sanitarian to comply with the minimum conditions and depth to allow for proper treatment of the effluent, this requires an observation pit be dug next to the proposed pit privy site that is at least three feet deeper than the bottom of the proposed privy (please see diagram) Once this observation pit is dug, please contact the Iowa County Office of Planning and Development For the required inspection .There is a \$50.00 inspection fee for this service, payable to Iowa County Planning.
3. If a vault privy is proposed, it must be constructed of concrete or heavy-gauge plastic so as to be watertight and capable of withstanding the pressures of back filling once installed. The vault must be approved by the Iowa County Sanitarian before any installation can begin, a privy permit must be applied for and issued.

4. Either type of privy must have a structure built over the top that meets the minimum requirements which include:
 - a.) All privy buildings shall be fly-tight and vermin proof.
 - b.) Privies shall not be located within 75 feet from a stream, lake, waterway, or well.
 - c.) Privies shall be provide with a suitable approach or walkway.
 - d.) Privy doors shall be self-closing and open outward from the building.
 - e.) The entire installation shall be kept clean and sanitary. Milk or lime or other equally effective disinfectant shall be used in the vault at frequent intervals.
 - f.) All windows, ventilators and other openings shall be screened with # 16 mesh screening to prevent the entrance of flies.
 - g.) All privies must have a ventilating pipe of a minimum of 4 inches in diameter, preferably of PVC construction, that extends a minimum of one foot above the building roof. The pipe must be hooded to prevent rainwater from infiltrating the privy.
 - h.) Privy seats must be provided with hinged covers.
 - i.) The minimum capacity for any privy shall be 200+ gallons.
5. Each application must include a plot plan of the proposed privy site on the property including distances to the nearest lot line, public road centerline, any waterway, and existing and proposed structures. If you have access to an aerial photo, feel free to use it as the basis of the plot plan.
6. Each application requires a Privy Installation Agreement to be completed in black ink, notarized and recorded with the Iowa County Register of Deeds. The recording fee is \$30.00, payable to Register of Deeds.

If you have any questions at all, please contact the Office of Planning and Development. We are more than happy to assist in the application process



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NON-PLUMBING SANITARY PERMIT APPLICATION

In accord with SPS 391 .WI Adm. Code
And the Iowa County Sanitary Ordinance

* See the attached information packet for instructions for completing this application.

Application information -type or print

Property owners name		Property Legal Description 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ S _____ T _____ N R _____ W			
Property owners mailing address		Lot number	Block number		
City, State	Zip	Phone number ()	Subdivision name or CSM #		
Type of Building State owned _____ Public _____ 1-2 Family _____ # of Bedrooms _____		City _____ Village _____ Town _____	Nearest Road Road address		
Public building /Land use {explain the purpose for This permit.}. (i.e campground , festival, recreation /entertainment event etc.)		Tax parcel #			
Type of permit Privy _____ Renewal _____ Transfer _____ Other _____		Type of non-plumbing device System /toilet /unit. <table border="1"><tr><td>Vault privy</td></tr><tr><td>Pit privy</td></tr></table> Inspection required		Vault privy	Pit privy
Vault privy					
Pit privy					

Responsibility Statement I the undersigned, assume responsibility for the for the installation or the non-plumbing sanitary system for With this permit is issued (property owner of plumber)			
Plumber or owner name	Plumber or owner signature	MP/MPRSW #	Phone #
Plumber's or Owner Mailing address			

Office use only!			
____ Approved	____ Disapproved ____ owner given reason for denial	Date issued Fee paid	Issuing agent signature

PRIVY INSTALLATION AGREEMENT

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Please Complete in Black

Property Owner(s) Name (print or type)	
Mailing Address	
Location Section _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 Town _____ N Range _____ E Tax # 25 - _____ - _____	
City _____ Village _____ Township _____	
Legal Description	Name & Return Address: Iowa County Planning and Development 222 N. Iowa St Dodgeville WI 53533
Note :if additional space is needed for legal description, please see attached.	

- 1.) No plumbing will be installed in the Privy.
- 2.) No plumbing will be installed in the premises served by the privy unless a code compliant soil absorption or holding tank exists, or a valid sanitary permit to install such a system has been issued.
- 3.) A privy vault / pit shall maintain minimum setbacks as specified in Table1.

Table 1	Well	Building	Lake /Stream	Additional County Setbacks
Open pit	50 ft,	25 ft.	Min 75 ft.	
Sealed Vault	25 ft.	25 ft,	Min 75 ft	

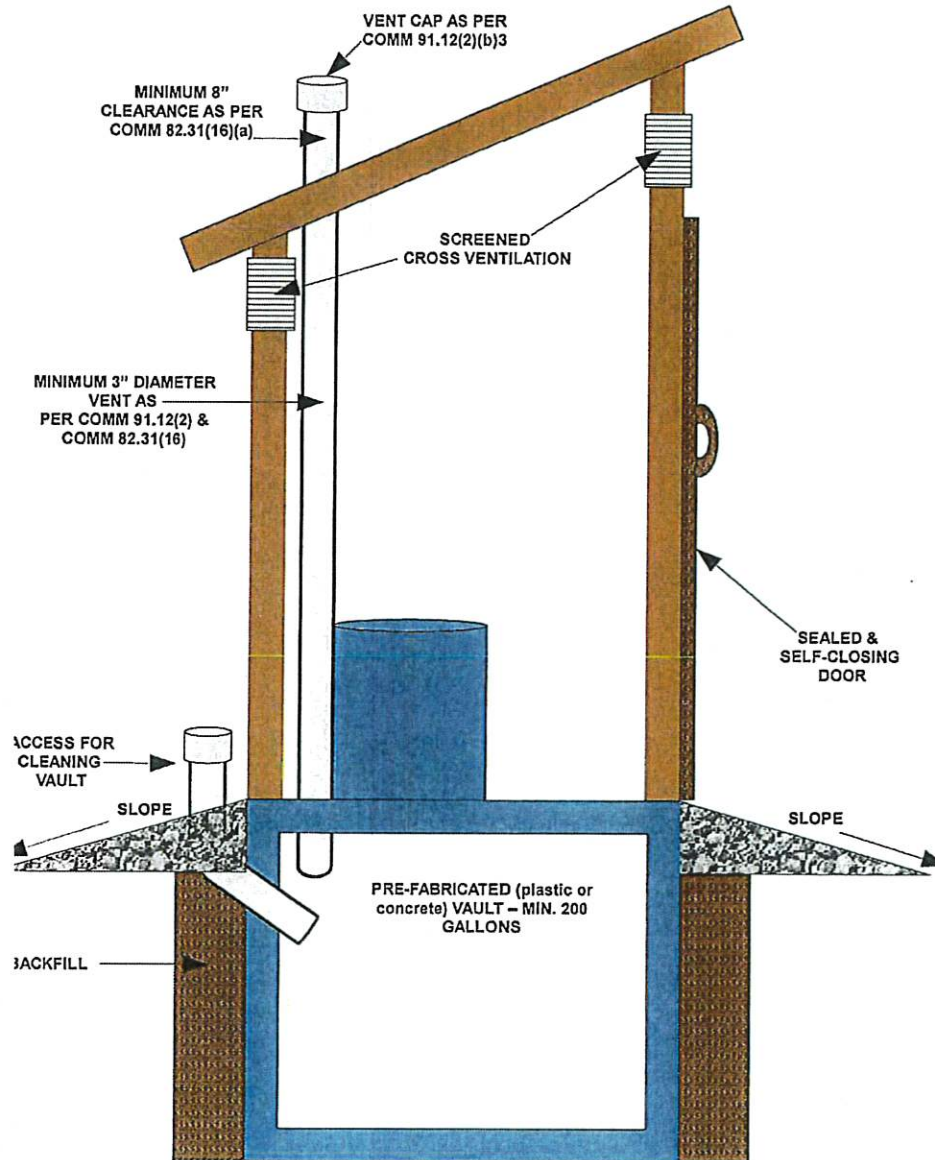
- 4.) Privies for public buildings shall comply with SPS 391 WI ADM .Code.
- 5.) privies used for one or two family shell be constructed in such a manor so as to exclude flies, rats, and other Vermin. Doors should be self-closing and vault ventilators should terminate at least one foot above the roof.
- 6.) A privy vault shall be constructed of watertight plastic, fiberglass, coated steel or monolithic concrete. Materials shall comply the intent with SPS 391 WI ADM.Code
- 7.) The privy shall be kept clean and sanitary. the contents of the pit or vault shall be disposed in accordance with NR 13 WI ADM,Code
- 8.) This agreement shall be binding on the owner, their heirs and assignees, This document shall be recorded by Register of Deeds in a manner, which allows its existence to be determined by reference to the property where the privy is installed.

Printed Owner(s) Names:	Acknowledgment State of: _____ County of: _____ Personally came before me on _____ The above named _____ me known to be person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and Acknowledged the same. _____ Notary Signature _____ Printed Name Notary Public , State of: _____ Date Commission Expires _____
Owners(s) Signatures:	

Privy Design Suggestions

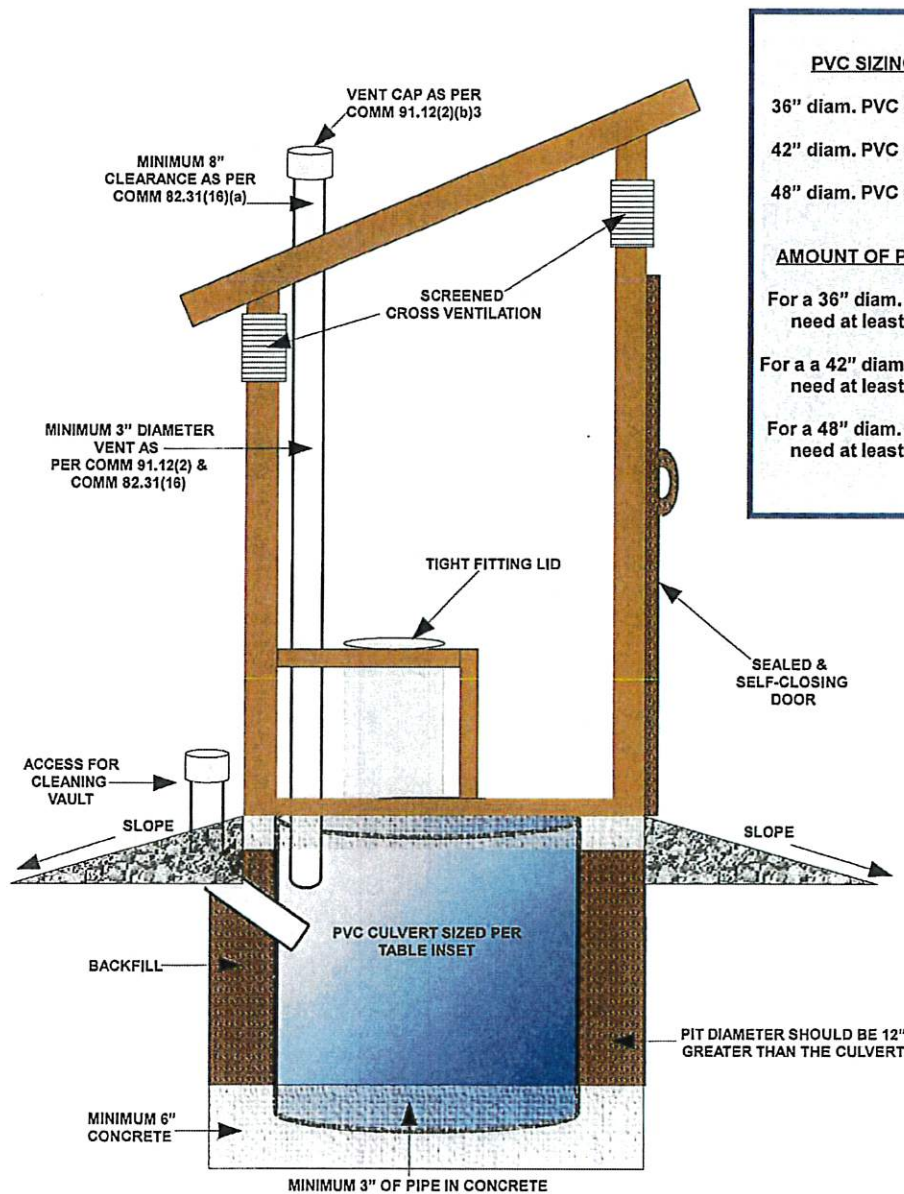
Vault Privy: Pre-Fab Option

MINIMUM 200 GALLON VAULT



Vault Privy: PVC Culvert Option

MINIMUM 200 GALLON VAULT



PVC SIZING TABLE

36" diam. PVC = 52.85gal./ft.

42" diam. PVC = 71.93gal./ft.

48" diam. PVC = 93.96gal./ft.

AMOUNT OF PVC NEEDED

For a 36" diam. PVC, you will need at least 51" length

For a 42" diam. PVC, you will need at least 39" length

For a 48" diam. PVC, you will need at least 29" length

Pit Privy Option

MINIMUM 200 GALLON or 1 CU. YARD

