



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Drinking Water Program

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## NOTICE REGARDING CHANGES IN HORIZONTAL SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

The County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health (DPH), Environmental Health Division is providing this notification to homeowners and contractors affected by new requirements related to wells and septic system minimum horizontal setbacks which were recently adopted in Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code, Title 11 as part of the Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) ordinance for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems.

The California Well Standards, California Plumbing Code, and Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code, Title 11, Section 11.38.210 all include setback distances for wells and monitoring wells. As the most recently adopted requirement, the new ordinance takes precedence over preexisting setback requirements.

Effective **November 1, 2018**, the Drinking Water Program will require the following minimum horizontal setback distances which were included in LAMP:

- 200 feet between Septic System (Septic Tank and Seepage Pit) and Public Water Well, where depth of effluent dispersal system is more than 10 feet,
- 150 feet between Septic Tank and Public Water Well, where depth of effluent dispersal system is less than or equal to 10 feet,
- 100 feet between a Seepage Pit and a Monitoring Well.

If you require additional information, please contact Lusi Mkhitarian, Chief Environmental Health Specialist with the Drinking Water Program at (626) 430-5420, [waterquality@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:waterquality@ph.lacounty.gov).