

MATAGORDA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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- Food Service & Sanitation
- Animal Control
- Floodplain Management
- Solid Waste Management

Matagorda County Required Permits

Food Permits:

You are required to obtain a food permit in order to operate a restaurant, mobile food trailer, or road side food vendor in Matagorda County.

Building Permits:

Please Note: You must have a 911 address from the Matagorda County 911 Addressing/Emergency Management office before you can start any project.

Address: 2200 Seventh Street, 3rd floor, Bay City, TX 77414, Phone: (979)244-6801

You are required to obtain a building permit in Matagorda County for structures of any size or an improvement in a Non Flood Zone and in a Flood Zone. This includes but it not limited to any garage that is built before or at a later date from the permanent dwelling and completely detached, manufactured homes, relocated homes/buildings, barns, workshops, RV's in a flood zone, RV covers, carports, storage buildings/sheds, add-ons and remodels.

Before you can obtain a building permit for a dwelling you must have a septic installer obtain a septic permit. If you are connecting to a MUD District you must provide a letter from the MUD District you will be connecting to stating that you will be connecting to that system for sewer.

Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement 50% Rule

In a flood Zone if your home is appraised at \$50,000 dollars, the repair/improvement has to cost less than \$25,000 dollars or you must demolish, elevate to the base flood elevation, or relocate the structure to a non-flood zone.

(See Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement forms.)

Commercial Building Permits:

You are required to obtain a building permit in Matagorda County for commercial buildings. This includes buildings of any kind, substations, wind turbines, solar panel farms, and battery storage facilities, etc.

Septic Systems:

Matagorda County requires a septic permit for any new construction and for updating existing septic systems. You must have a Texas Licensed Septic System Installer and Licensed Maintenance Provider for all septic systems. There is a requirement of 1 acer for a water well and septic system with a certain distance between the septic tank lines and the water well.

Fill Dirt:

You will need a permit in order to add any fill dirt to level your property in flood zones in Matagorda County.

Water Well:

If you are not going to be on public or community water, you will need a registered well. Please call the Matagorda County Ground Water Conservation District at (979)323-9170

Water Well Testing:

Matagorda County Environmental Health Department offers water sampling kits to the public. The health department uses the Brazoria County Water Lab and will take samples to the lab on the first Wednesday of each month, unless that Wednesday falls on the 1st of the month then it will be the following Wednesday. There is a fee of \$20 for this service. (*See Water Testing Sample Forms for dates*)

Driveway/Culverts:

You will need to contact your county commissioner to get a work order issued for a driveway/culvert on all county roads. Please provide the physical address for the site. If you are on a state highway or a farm to market road you will need to contact the Texas Department of Transportation.

Windstorm Insurance:

Is available to residents in Matagorda County to all new structures and additions or repairs to existing structures (*including re-roof*). This is up to the individual to get and is not handled through this office.

Windstorm Inspection
209 E. Mulberry
Angleton, TX 77515
(979)848-0953