

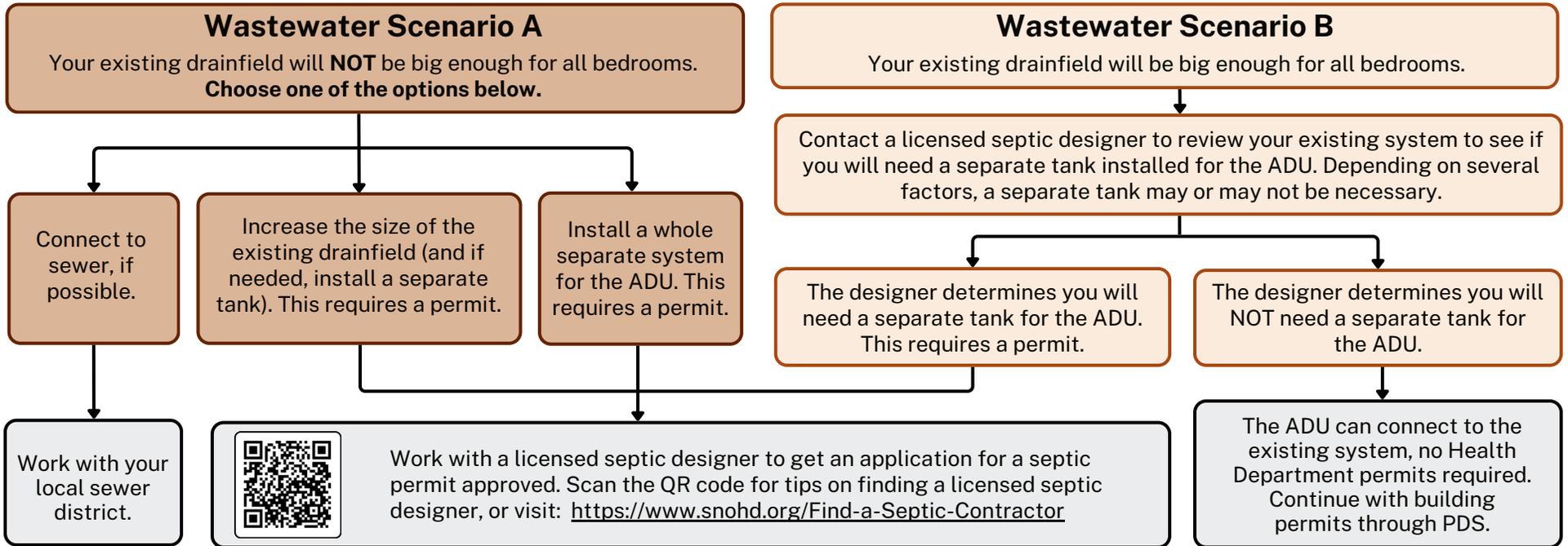
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Requirements

Wastewater & Drinking Water

If you're planning to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit, a building permit cannot be issued by Planning and Development Services (PDS) until you've shown Snohomish County Health Department that you'll be able to:

- 1 Properly treat all the wastewater that could be produced
- 2 Have adequate and potable water for the ADU (enough safe drinking water)

Depending on your current wastewater and drinking water situation, there are different steps to take with the Health Department for your ADU project. Use this info sheet to find the scenarios that apply to your situation and learn what you'll need to do to meet these two requirements.



What is considered a bedroom?

A room that could potentially be used as a bedroom is considered a bedroom by the Health department, regardless of the placement of closets, windows and doors, or the width or location within the structure. Rooms that are considered potential bedrooms include, but are not limited to: Dens, lofts, offices, studies, libraries, unfinished rooms, bonus rooms, and sewing, computer, music, exercise or hobby rooms. (Living rooms, family rooms, dining rooms, storage areas, closets, and utility rooms are not typically considered potential bedrooms by the Health Department.)

How big is my existing septic system?

Find your septic system records using OnlineRME. The number of bedrooms your septic system is sized for should be stated on a scanned record called As-Built Cover Page or Drawing. If you do not have an as-built or it is not clear how many bedrooms your system is sized for, contact a licensed septic designer for assistance determining its size. To learn how to find your records, visit: <https://www.snohd.org/159/As-Built-Records>



Septic Records Info



Have a question? We are here to help!

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Drinking Water Scenario A You have an existing private well.

All three forms below must be on file with the Health Department before a building permit can be issued.

📍 Approved “Application for Individual Well Site Inspection”

This is to verify your well is in a suitable location.

If it’s not already on file: Submit a new application & pay the fee.

✅ Accepted “Request for Review: Individual Water Supply”

This is to verify that your well:

- Was constructed according to state code
- Can provide enough water for the ADU (has a documented well yield of at least 400 gallons/day per connection, or 800 gallons total)
- Provides water that is safe to drink

If it’s not already on file: Submit a new Request for Review. With it, you will need to submit a well log/record **and** lab results for water samples that have been tested for the contaminants listed on the form. If you do not already have this info handy, keep in mind there are costs to having your well water tested or paying a well driller to complete a new well log.

📄 “Declaration of Covenant for a Two-Connection Well”

This is a legal document to describe property restrictions related to the well. Have this document **notarized** and then **record** it with the county Recording Office. There is a fee to have it recorded.



Find well forms online at <https://www.snohd.org/709/Drinking-Water-Requirements-for-Building>

Check with the Health Department to see if we already have the first two forms on file!
If they are already on file, skip to the third one!



NOTE: If the Well Site Application **or** Request for Review can’t be approved/accepted because your well doesn’t meet requirements, you’ll need to choose an option above instead.

Drinking Water Scenario B

You are already connected to a public water supply.

Contact your water provider to request a letter that states their ability & willingness to provide water to the ADU. Submit the letter to the Health Department.

Follow steps for getting a new well approved.

Drill a new well for the ADU.

Connect to public water, if possible.

Finding your well records

Your well record or “well log” has important information about the construction of your well. You can search for your well log online with the Department of Ecology Well Report Viewer (<https://apps.wa.gov/wellconstruction/map/WCLWebMap/default.aspx>). If you cannot find your well log online, contact the Department of Ecology for assistance by calling their helpdesk at 206-594-0193 or email lauren.latta@ecy.wa.gov.



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