

## Migrant Labor Housing and Manufactured Home Parks

The Environmental Health staff performs water supply/sewage disposal inspections for migrant housing. A copy of the report is forwarded to the N.C. Department of Labor. The Environmental Health staff is responsible for enforcing the Manufactured Home Park Ordinance. Our personnel provide consultation, plan review and inspection services related to mobile home park operations.

## Indoor Air Quality

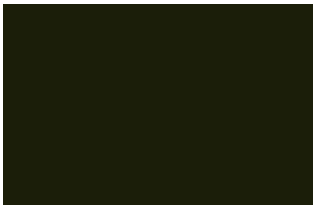
Educational information is provided on common indoor air quality problems. Activated charcoal and alpha-track monitoring radon gas test kits are available for purchase.

## Air and Water Pollution, Industrial/Safety Hazards

All requests/complaints regarding air and water pollution and industrial safety/hazards are referred to the appropriate agencies.

## Chemical Spill/Emergency Response

The Environmental Health Staff maintains an emergency response team. When emergencies occur after hours and assistance is needed, the county's 911 Communication Center notifies a staff member by pager.



## Applications and Fees

The Environmental Health Division charges fees for property evaluations and septic system permits, inspections of existing septic systems, well installation permits, water samples, radon test kits, public swimming pool permits and tattoo artist permits. A tax PIN number, the site plan, tax or survey map are required for property evaluations. Applications may be completed and mailed back to the Environmental Health office at:

Rockingham County Department of Health and Human Services  
ATTN: Environmental Health Services  
PO Box 204  
Wentworth, NC 27375

**For more information, please call**

**(336)342-8180**

**Someone will be glad to help you.**

Permits and forms may be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.rockinghamcountypublichealth.org>

Notice of Free Language Assistance:

It is the policy of the Rockingham County Department of Health and Human Services to provide free language interpretation services to our clients.

La nota de Ayuda Libre de Idioma:

Sera la poliza del Rockingham County Department of Health and Human Services de proporcionar los servicios gratis de interpretacion de idioma a nuestros clients.



## ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES

**“All citizens have a right to a safe food and water supply, pure air and a clean environment.”**



Tel: 336-342-8180

# Environmental Health Services

## General Information

Environmental Health Section offers a wide range of services for the citizens of Rockingham County. The main goal of the Environmental Health Program is the prevention of communicable and environmentally related diseases in the community. Citizens should have a safe food supply and a clean environment.

## Food, Lodging & Institutional Inspections

Inspections and plan review services of the following facilities are conducted:

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| Restaurants       | Tattoo Artists        |
| School Cafeterias | Summer Camps          |
| Food/Drink Stands | Adult Nutrition Sites |
| Meat Markets      | Bed & Breakfasts      |
| Mobile Food Units | Public Swimming Pools |
| Hospitals         | Residential Care      |
| Nursing Homes     | Homes                 |
| Hotels/Motels     | Temporary Food        |
| Local Confinement | Stands                |

## Water Supply

Well sites for water supplies are evaluated and wells are inspected with permits issued for Well Construction. Once a well is completed, well water is required to be sampled and tested under State Private Drinking Water Well Law and Rules.

Personnel are available for consultation on problems regarding water supplies for both private wells and public supplies. State laboratory facilities are available to do bacteriological, chemical, nitrate, pesticide and petroleum analyses on water supplies.

## Sewage Disposal

Environmental Health Specialists and Soil Scientists perform site evaluations to determine a property's suitability for ground absorption, sewage treatment and disposal systems. The installation of a septic tank system or alternative ground absorption system involves a three-tier permitting process. Permits issued under this program include an Improvement Permit, Authorization to Construct and an Operation Permit.

## Solid Waste Management

Residents are encouraged to report incidents of unauthorized solid waste dumping to the Environmental Health Office. Commercial vehicles used for transportation of solid waste are subject to inspection annually. Suspected hazardous waste dumping can be referred to our department.

## Animal Bites, Rabies Clinic, Rodents and Vectors

In cases of animal bites, suspected animal are required to be confined and monitored. Animals, that are suspected of rabies infection, are euthanized and the specimens are sent to the State Virology Lab to be checked for rabies. You can get your dogs and cats vaccinated at our Rabies Clinics which are given in cooperation with local veterinarians. Rodent and insect problems are referred to us for investigation.



## Communicable Disease Investigations

Communicable diseases, including foodborne and waterborne illnesses, are investigated by the Environmental Health Section.

## Swimming Pools

Public swimming pools are inspected to determine proper pH, chlorine, maintenance and operation. The operator must obtain a permit from Environmental Health. Public Swimming Pools in our area include those at schools, summer camps, motels, hotels and apartments.