



Cannabis Centralized Septic System Guidelines

The purpose of this document is to assist a Nevada County Commercial Cannabis owner/operator on the requirements for a centralized septic system. The cannabis centralized system is for the combination of two structures. The two structures in this case are a single family dwelling (SFD) and a cannabis work shop (CWS) that has an employee restroom. For purpose of clarification, the Commercial Cannabis Owner/Operator must understand and agree that ONLY sewage effluent is allowed to be disposed of in this type of system. Any industrial wastewater from the processing of cannabis must go through the state or local jurisdiction for approval and be separate from the centralized sewage disposal system.

Required Design Items:

1. Special Design sewage disposal application and design.
2. Fee PE is 4122, Centralized Construction Permit, one permit application.
3. Separate septic tanks for the SFD and the CWS.
4. System sizing to match the SFD requirements plus the Quantities of Sewage Flow (Table 2) page 101 of the Sewage Disposal Ordinance for Factories.
5. 100% repair area is required.
6. **Be aware that the combined Centralized System will be larger in area than we usually see. Code requires 4 mantles and 12 percolation holes for a Centralized System.**
7. A Maintenance and Monitoring guide for the system to accompany the design from the consultant.
8. Monitoring wells are case by case. Take into account the location of the septic system and design type. See Centralized Disposal Guide Book.
9. Maintenance and Monitoring / Right of Entry forms to be submitted for final.
10. Certificate of Operation and annual fee to be submitted for final.
11. Maintenance and Monitoring contract from an approved Certified System Service Provider is required for final.