Mills or Fremont County, Iowa Septic Permit Instructions:

Use Iowa Code 567.69 to determine septic tank size and lateral length. Mills County can help determine lateral length when given a copy of the percolation test. Copies of Chapter 69 are available upon request. You can also read the code here:
https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/567.69.pdf

FEES: Full system , lateral addition or replacement-$500. Tank only-$150.

Permits are valid for ONE YEAR.

Checks payable to : *Mills County Treasurer*

The permit includes a pre-site inspection, a final inspection and a detailed report.

1. Submit a **COMPLETED** Septic Application. Any missing information will delay the issuance of a permit. Allow up to 2 weeks for the site to be permitted.
   a. Make sure that **ALL** relevant information is filled out.
   b. **MUST** include drawing of the site plan.
   c. **MUST** include completed percolation test or soil test, including the map.
   d. The application **MUST** be signed by the Contractor.
   e. A percolation test or soil test **MUST** be signed by the Engineer who performed it.
   f. Fee must be paid before processing.

The application will not be processed with any incomplete sections.

2. A 911 address must be obtained before submitting the application. Visit your County Engineers office for a 911 address. 305 Railroad Ave., Glenwood or call 712-527-4873. Or 2014 290th St. Sidney or call 712-374-2613
3. After the installation, the system **MUST** be left open for inspection. Call in advance to schedule the final inspection.

What is a perc olation "perc" test and why do I need it?

A percolation test or "perc test" is a procedure performed to review water drainage in different soils. It is important for many uses; such as, designing a leach field for a septic system, planning a building design, or considering agricultural use of the land. If the water cannot drain properly, a swamp of sewer water will result. This is a foul-smelling health hazard that could cost you thousands of dollars to correct or ruin your house or farm entirely.

For assistance, call (712) 527-9646 option 4 or email mscott@millscountyiowa.gov

Always use Iowa One Call before you dig . Call 811 or 800-292-8989.