

2026 La Plata County Public Health Fee Schedule

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (Septic) Fees

See note regarding fee waiver

Fee Type	Fee	Description
OWTS Permit Application: New Construction	\$1235*	Includes design review, up to 2 inspections within La Plata County
OWTS Permit Application: Alteration	\$1175*	Includes design review, up to 2 inspections within La Plata County
OWTS Permit Application: Change of Use	\$570*	Includes design review and 1 inspection within La Plata County
OWTS Permit Application: Minor Repair Permit	\$450*	Includes 1 inspection within La Plata County
OWTS Continued Use Permit: Property Sale	\$120	If application is incomplete, fee will be charged again upon resubmission. This fee is nonrefundable.
OWTS Continued Use Permit: New Connection Permit	\$195	If application is incomplete, fee will be charged again upon resubmission. This fee is nonrefundable.
OWTS Reinspection Fee	\$145	Per re-inspection within La Plata County
Additional Design Review Fee (after 2 design reviews, or after permit is issued)	\$145	Per re-review
OWTS Appeal or Variance: Application Fee	\$265	Minimum charge \$265
OWTS Appeal or Variance: Hourly Fee	\$75/ hr	Per hour of staff time
Site Visit/Courtesy Inspection and Report	\$195	Within La Plata County
OWTS Consultation/Plan Review: Hourly Fee	\$75/hr	First hour free
County Planning Review and Comments	\$75\hr	First hour free
OWTS Installers Class and License Fee	\$180	Includes class, test, and license for calendar year
OWTS Installer License Renewal Fee	\$110	Includes test, license for calendar year
OWTS Cleaner and Pumping License Fee	\$75	First vehicle

* Per C.R.S. § 25-10-107, the Colorado Department of Health & Environment (CDPHE) Water Quality Division assesses a fee of \$23 for each authorized new and repair OWTS permit; \$20 is submitted to CDPHE and \$3 is retained by LPCPHD to cover administrative costs.

NOTE: Application and permit fees for any OWTS project in La Plata County are automatically waived for:

- 1) Tax-supported governmental entities.
- 2) Dwelling units deemed to be qualified low- or moderate-income housing or affordable employee housing units, as evidenced through participation in one of the following affordable/attainable housing programs:
 - a) The county's revolving loan fund;
 - b) The City of Durango's Fair Share Program;
 - c) Habitat for Humanity's home construction and sale program;
 - d) The USDA Rural Development Mutual Self-Help Housing Program;
 - e) The federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program;
 - f) The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program;
 - g) The HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program;
 - h) Any affordable or attainable housing program approved by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Housing;
 - i) Any affordable or attainable housing program approved by the Colorado Middle-Income Housing Authority;
 - j) Any affordable or attainable housing program approved by the Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) to provide affordable housing, including but not limited to affordable housing tax credits and the Middle-Income Access program (MIAP);
 - k) Any existing county workforce housing program agreement;
 - l) Any affordable or attainable housing program which La Plata Homes Fund, the Regional Housing Alliance or La Plata County, Housing Solutions for the Southwest, or their respective successors in interest, certifies that such program has adequate procedures that limit the sales and rental costs of homes and verify the incomes of the occupants.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, entities that have been successful in obtaining such waivers shall be responsible for any plan review fees that may be incurred during the technical investigation and review of their projects. Such fees may be imposed at the time of in-house review by county staff or at the time plans and specifications are submitted to an outside review firm selected by county staff.