

What is a Bedroom?

The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health defines a bedroom as follows:

“Bedroom means those areas within a residential building that have the potential to be utilized as a sleeping area on a consistent basis. In order to be deemed a bedroom the room must meet all of the following standards:

1. Be a habitable or planned habitable space per Building Code requirements. Planned habitable spaces would include those areas which contain the appropriate “roughed- in” mechanicals, such as, heating ducts, hot water lines, or plumbing waste lines, etc., but are not currently “finished” to meet Building Code requirements for habitable space.
2. Provide privacy to the occupants. Large (minimum 5 feet width) openings or archways can be utilized to eliminate room privacy.
3. Full bathroom facilities (containing either a bathtub or shower) are conveniently located to the bedroom served. Convenience in this case means on the same floor as the bedroom or directly accessed from a stairway.
4. Entry is from a common area, not through a room already deemed a bedroom.”

This means that although you may use a room as a den, sewing room, office or family room, if it meets the requirements above, the room is considered a bedroom and as such must be taken into consideration when sizing a septic system.

If you have any questions related to what a bedroom is or just general questions pertaining to your existing or proposed septic system, please contact Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C. at (860) 354-9346 and ask for Paul Szymanski. You can also visit us on the web at <http://ahhowland.com>.

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