



Aspetuck
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Clarification for the Approval Process for Patios and Retaining Walls

In accordance with Department of Public Health (DPH) guidance, patios that are constructed with the use of concrete or mortar mix are considered a permanent accessory structure. As such, as all permanent accessory structures do, they require a separate approval from the Aspetuck Health District (AHD) to ensure compliance to DPH's Technical Standards separation and other requirements for septic systems and wells.

Permanent accessory structures on properties served by the municipal sewerage collection and treatment system, do not need AHD review or approval.

Patios constructed with pavers, blocks, or similar type and laid on stone dust without the use of cement, mortar, or similar non-permanent base will not require a permit or approval from the AHD.

A 3' perimeter pool patio will be considered incidental to the construction of the pool; this will not require a separate accessory approval from the AHD.

Patios designed and reviewed as part of the new house plan review and less than 200 square feet, will not require a separate review application and fee at the time of approval or construction.

Retaining walls may have a negative impact on existing and future septic areas, thus will be considered an accessory structure that shall require a separate approval from the AHD. A cross-section detail for the proposed wall may be required if within 25' of the septic system or 50' if down gradient.

Non-retaining loose boulder walls constructed on grade without the use of a footing will not require a permit or approval from the AHD.