

Site Preparation and Maintenance

Soil mapping can only be completed when the site has been adequately prepared and the physical features of the land can be seen. This means that if the site is in pasture or open land, it must be at least bush hogged (mowing is preferable). If the site is wooded, it must be clear of underbrush (anything less than 2" in diameter) enough to see clearly 50-75 feet in any direction. We will only be able to evaluate the areas that we can see clearly. Since the surveyor is going to be applying grid stakes at least 50 feet beyond the area marked during the preliminary soil evaluation, you will need to mow/clear/clean at least 50 feet beyond the area marked during the preliminary soil evaluation **before the surveyor arrives.**

The type of equipment that you use is important. Mowers, bush hogs, forestry mulchers (on rubber tracks only), string trimmers, and anything else that does not disturb the topsoil are acceptable and have a low risk of creating disturbance on a site. Pulling stumps, bulldozers, anything on metal tracks, or any other process that disturbs more than two inches of the topsoil could easily cause enough damage to make a site unusable. Again, this work needs to be completed before the surveyor arrives.

This area must stay mowed/cleared/clean until you have an approved soil map by the Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal. If a property is not clear enough to be evaluated, rescheduling may be required (which could result in a delay of weeks or months) and a fee will be charged.

More information with pictures can be found at:

www.earthsearchllc.com/site-prep

Hiring a Surveyor for Soil Work in Williamson County, TN

The regulations of the Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal are unlike anywhere else in the state of Tennessee. Due to this, there are only a few surveyors that have the experience to complete your project in a timely manner. If you would like a recommendation for a surveyor, I would be happy to point you to those who know the Williamson County Septic Department

If there is a surveyor that has done work on the property in the past that knows how to work with the Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal, it may be best to stay with that surveyor. It could save you time and money because some of the work may already be done, whereas if you switch surveyors, it would need to be re-done in order for the project to move forward.

If a boundary survey has not been done, one will be required.

You will provide the Preliminary Soil Evaluation report to the surveyor and then the surveyor and the soil scientist will work together to get the map approved by the Williamson County Department of Sewage Disposal. Any clearing/mowing/cleaning must be done before the surveyor arrives on site to do the gridstaking. The surveyor should grid at least 50 feet beyond the preliminary flags to give the best chance at mapping enough soil to meet your needs.

The surveyor will need to provide the following to the soil scientist:

- 3 paper copies of the survey
- PDF copy of the map identical to the paper copies.
- Field run slope analysis of the gridded area. One paper copy and an identical PDF.

The following things need to be located by the surveyor and shown on the survey:

- Overhead utilities
- Underground utilities
- Wells
- Structures (permanent and temporary)
- Driveways
- Roads
- 4x4 paths
- Fences
- Creeks
- Creek banks (measured from the highest part of the cut bank)