Installation or replacement of a subsurface wastewater disposal system (septic system) on a property located within 200 feet of the high water mark of Sebago Lake requires written approval of the Portland Water District (PWD). The District’s jurisdiction also extends up some of the tributaries to the lake (including, for example, the area around Sebago Cove in Naples and along the Crooked River to Route 302). The approval process followed by the PWD is based on the Maine State Plumbing Code [CMR 144A Part 241] and therefore is similar to that required by the municipality in which the property is located. There are 3 steps in the approval process. They are:

**STEP 1: APPLICATION**

**You Provide:**
- A completed PWD application  
  Application is attached.
- A system design  
  HHE 200 Form prepared by a Licensed Site Evaluator.
- A Floor Plan of the residence  
  Indicating the number of bedrooms. If construction or expansion is proposed, include existing and proposed floor plan.
- An Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan  
  The attached brochure describes how to design an E & S Plan

**PWD will:**
- Review the design for compliance  
  Based on the State Plumbing Code
- Conduct a site visit  
  To confirm that the site is suitable and setbacks to the lake and property boundaries are adequate
- Issue a Construction Permit within 3 days  
  Allowing you to hire a contractor

**STEP 2: SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION**

**You Must:**
- Arrange to have the system installed  
  The installation must be in accordance with the design you submitted for review
- Contact PWD to arrange an inspection  
  24 hour notice is required
- Not bury the system prior to inspection  
  The inspection can only be done when the system components are visible

**PWD will:**
- Attempt to accommodate the construction schedule  
  Provided 24-hour notice is given
- Inspect the system for compliance with the design and adequacy of installation  
  An OK to cover the system will be given
- Approve use of the system  
  If approved it can be used immediately after completion

**STEP 3: FINAL APPROVAL**

**You Must:**
- Ensure that the disturbed soil is seeded and mulched  
  In accordance with the E & S Plan
- Maintain temporary measures (e.g. silt fence)  
  Until permanent vegetation is established

**PWD will:**
- Return within a few weeks of inspection  
  To confirm the site is stable
- Issue a Final Approval letter  
  Concluding the permitting process
- Periodically Inspect the Site  
  Until permanent vegetation is established