Owners may connect to Carteret County Water and still use the existing well, as long the well is **NOT PHYSICALLY CONNECTED** to any water line that is connected to the water meter or house. No valve or any portion of the well piping shall be attached to service line from the county water meter. The service line to the home/building must be an approved piping Schedule 40 ¾” minimum (12-18 inches deep). A shut off valve must be installed about 1 foot behind the meter box (Homes that will be using the existing line from the well we strongly recommend flushing the line). A second shut off valve must be installed within 3 feet from the home/building. (A valve located within 3 feet of the access to a crawl space or in a garage is allowed.) North Carolina State Building Code requires a permit for inspections on water service piping between the meter and the home/building. The fee is paid to The County Water Department located at, 302 Courthouse Square (Finance Office). The permit will need to be picked up at the Carteret County Planning Department located at 402 Board Street. After work is completed you will need to call 252-728-8410 to have the work inspected or if unit is within the Town of Beaufort extraterritorial jurisdiction area then you will need to make arrangements with the Town of Beaufort inspections office 728-2142. The County Water Department requires a vacuum breaker installed on all construction spigots for new units. All permits must be present at the time of inspection.