

# 2021 County Inspections

## Gophers

### County Exclusions & Internal Review Criteria



## EXCLUSIONS

- Activities listed in [the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4\(d\) rule](https://www.fws.gov/wafwo/documents/4dSummary%20pages_FINAL_PDF.pdf) (Visit their website for details: [https://www.fws.gov/wafwo/documents/4dSummary%20pages\\_FINAL\\_PDF.pdf](https://www.fws.gov/wafwo/documents/4dSummary%20pages_FINAL_PDF.pdf))
- Properties west of the Black River.
- Properties on the Cooper Point peninsula.
- Properties that are more than 300 feet from mapped gopher soils and also more than 600 feet from known gopher presence.
- Properties on the Steamboat Island peninsula.
- County vested properties don't require another County inspection. (However, vesting does not protect against liability under federal Endangered Species Act laws. If your property is County vested and if you would like a site visit, let us know and we will help arrange a site visit).

## INTERNAL REVIEW CRITERIA

These project types, site conditions or situations may not require a Gopher Inspection. But they do require at least one on-property visit before that determination can be made.

- Areas that are heavily forested or thickly covered with native woody shrub. (Scotch Broom is **not considered a native woody shrub**, and therefore is not counted as a reason for exclusion).
- Foundation repair.
- Heating oil tank removal.
- Impervious surfaces.
- Sites submerged 30 days in a row since 10/2020.
- Very steep slopes (40% slopes or more. Please note: 40% is not the same as 40 degrees).

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