



ASHTABULA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
12 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
JEFFERSON, OHIO 44047
440-576-6010

GUIDANCE PACKET FOR HOMEOWNER TO OBTAIN HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PERMITS

Background

On January 1, 2015, the Ohio Department of Health adopted new statewide Home Sewage Treatment System Regulations. Before the Ashtabula County Health Department can issue a home sewage treatment system permit to a property owner, the property owner will need to: (1) hire a site/soil evaluator to review the suitability of soils on their lot for the installation of a home sewage treatment system. (2) hire a home sewage treatment system designer to design a sewage treatment system that complies with the new home sewage treatment system regulations.

PROCEDURES ON HOW TO OBTAIN HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PERMITS

I. Minimum Lot Size Requirements

At the time you apply for a health department lot evaluation, you will need to demonstrate that your lot meets the minimum lot size requirements of the Ashtabula County Health Department. A deed and a survey drawing are generally used to confirm the size of a lot. You will also be requested to stake out the lot and prepare the lot for a site and soil evaluation conducted by a site/soil evaluator. You will need to stake out the location of your home as well as the location of the home sewage treatment system. The Ashtabula County Health Department will conduct a site review of your lot.

II. Site/Soil Evaluation and Home Sewage Treatment System Design

After you have obtained a site/soil evaluation report on your lot from a privately hired site and soil evaluator; and you have obtained a sewage treatment system design from your home sewage treatment system designer, you will need to submit this information to the Ashtabula County Health Department for review. A list of site and soil evaluators and home sewage treatment system designers is attached to this packet for your use.

III. Health Department Review of Site/Soil Evaluation and Home Sewage Treatment System Design

Following submission of your site/soil evaluation report and your home sewage treatment system design report, the Ashtabula County Health Department will conduct a review of these reports and may conduct a second site review of your lot.

IV. Issuance of Home Sewage Treatment System Installation and Operation Permit

If the Ashtabula County Health Department determines that the lot size requirements have been met, and the site/soil evaluation report and home sewage treatment system design reports are acceptable, you may apply for a home sewage treatment system installation and operation permit. Both of these permits are required under state law. The installation permit will specify how the home sewage treatment system is to be installed. The operation permit pertains to the proper operation and maintenance of your home sewage treatment system.

V. Operation Permit

An operation permit will be issued at the time you obtain your home sewage treatment system installation permit. This permit is valid for ten years; provided the home owner properly maintains their home sewage treatment system. Your home sewage treatment system will be inspected a minimum of one time per five year period. Your operation permit must be renewed every ten years.

VI. Variance Approval and Mandatory Service Agreement

In some cases, a variance from the Ashtabula County Board of Health will be needed to install a home sewage treatment system. For example, a variance may be needed because of insufficient isolation distance of the home sewage treatment system from a water well or property line. Mandatory service agreements for home sewage treatment systems that are mechanically complex are required under the Ohio Home Sewage Treatment System Rules.

VII. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Permit

An NPDES permit will need to be obtained from the OEPA-NEDO prior to the installation of a discharging home sewage treatment system. A discharging home sewage treatment system can only be used for replacing failed home sewage treatment systems on lots that are too small to accommodate the installation of a non-discharging home sewage treatment system. The OEPA-NEDO can be reached at 330-963-1200.



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**PROCEDURE FOR GETTING A SITE EVALUATION AND
PERMIT FOR A HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM :
(Applications will only be taken between 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.)**

1. Apply for the site evaluation at this office. A \$150.00 **non-refundable fee** for the site evaluation is to be paid in advance. You will need to present at time of application:
 - (1) **SURVEY MAP** supplied by one of the following: Survey drawings of proposed lot (new or lot split) from your Surveyor or Survey Map of existing lots dating back to 1997 from County Engineer's Office (576-2816) or Tax map of existing lots created prior to 1997 from Auditor's Office (576-3691);
 - (2) **CURRENT OR NEWLY CREATED DEED** available at Recorder's Office (576-3762);
 - (3) **LEGAL SURVEY DESCRIPTION** (if applicable).
2. Put tall stakes with flags at the front corners of your lot.
3. Stake out the four corners of your proposed house site. All stakes should be at least three feet or higher than any vegetation. Stake proposed sewage system location and proposed replacement area.
4. Health Department conducts site evaluation of proposed lot.
5. Following health department site evaluation of the proposed lot, property owner must submit to the Health Department a detailed site and soil evaluation of proposed lot prepared by a qualified site and soil evaluator.
6. Property owner must submit to health department a home sewage treatment system design report from a home sewage treatment system designer.
7. Health Department will review reports to determine if the home sewage treatment system design complies with home sewage treatment system regulations.
8. Wait for a reply. The Health Department will mail the inspection results to you.

**A SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM SITE INSPECTION IS GOOD FOR FIVE (5) YEARS
FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.**

A HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PERMIT IS GOOD FOR ONE YEAR

Check with the Building Department for their requirements at (440) 576-3737

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****NOTE: The Ashtabula County Health Department does not endorse or guarantee the work performance of any Site/Soil Evaluator. The quality of work may vary among Site/Soil Evaluators.**

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HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM DESIGNERS

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