

LAGRANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT PERMIT PROCEDURES

FIRST: To receive a septic permit, a soil investigation will need to be completed by a soil scientist. Some scientists who will work in LaGrange County are:

Eickholtz, Inc
Tom Eickholtz
(260) 347-9342

Schnoebelen's Soil Cons.
Don Schnoebelen, Elkhart
(574) 202-2226

Indiana Soil & Water
Curtis Turner, Elkhart
(800) 238-5413

Progressive Engineering
Debra Jimison, Goshen
(574) 533-0337

Mort-Jones Soil Consulting
Tim Jones, Albion
(800) 764-5696

SECOND: Once the soil report is completed, a copy must be submitted to the Health Department. The Health Department will determine the type and size of the septic system necessary, with respect to the soils information and size of the home.

THIRD: Using the Technical Data Sheet for On-Site Sewage Treatment as a guide, the property owner or the installer (see list of licensed installers) must draw a site plan using the sample enclosed for Gravity Flow System or ask for technical information for Mound, Flood-dosed, Pressure and "wetland" (BETS) systems. The site plan must show the house, septic tank size, trenches area with the boring locations marked, the well location, driveway and any other existing buildings. Distances are important and also are required on all site plans. **A SITE PLAN DRAWING IS REQUIRED FOR A SEPTIC PERMIT AND A BUILDING PERMIT.**

Additional information to be included in the site plan drawing for the on-site system:

1. Set back distances for any part of the on-site system including the tank, a wetland or field trenches:
 - A. From the house, building or any other structure.....10 feet
 - B. From any residential water well (yours or neighbor's).....50 feet
 - C. Property lines..... 5 feet
 - D. Lake, pond or other enclosed water body.....50 feet
 - E. River, stream, creek or ditch.....25 feet
2. The maximum length of the trenches is 100 feet, and they must be of equal length.
3. If a pump is required, have an experienced individual size the pump.
4. If the required system is a mound, an experienced individual must design the system. Blueprints of the system are required.

FOUR: The Septic Permit Fee is \$75.00 (Residential) and \$ 150.00 (Commercial).

FIVE: After the septic system is installed, a FINAL INSPECTION is required before covering any part of the system. The installer (owner or installer licensed) should call to the Health Department for an appointment.

**** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Aft (260) 499-4182 ext 7****