LaGrange County Health Department

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ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT/SEPTIC 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, Kendallville (260) 318-2858 teickholtz@yahoo.com	Schnoebelen's Soil Cons. Don Schnoebelen, Elkhart (574) 202-2226 sneb1@comcast.net	Soil Solutions Inc Tim Monaghan, Valparaiso (574) 298-1239 tmonaghan@soilsolutions-inc.com	NEI Soil Consulting Bill Hartsuff, Angola (260) 668-9727 neisoilconsulting@gmail.com
Soils1-Soil Science Experts Mark S. McClain, Fisher (765) 212-7645 mmcclain1313@gmail.com	Soil Scientist-Dev. Planner Duane Burrow, Granger (574) 514-9390 Holymoly_elk@yahoo.com	Thurin Environmental, LLC Nick Thurin, South Bend (574) 387-1328 nthurin@outlook.com	Mort-Jones Soil Consult. Tim S. Jones, Albion (260) 564-6599 (260) 636-3235

SECOND: Once the soil report is completed, the soil scientist will submit a copy to the Health Department. The Health Department (HD) will determine the type and size of the septic system necessary with respect to the soils information and size of the home. A Technical Data Sheet for the On-site Sewage Treatment will be provided to the client. For commercial; the soil borings report needs to be sent to the INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (IDOH) for review, recommendations, and/or blueprints approval.

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) septic systems. The site plan must show the house, septic tank size, trenches area with the boring locations marked, well location, driveway and any other existing buildings. Distances are important and are required on all site plans. **A SITE PLAN DRAWING IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE THE SEPTIC 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 cell 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
   - . From any commercial water well (yours or neighbor's) ……..…100 feet
   - C. Property lines…….……5 feet
   - D. Lake, pond or other enclosed natural water body……..……..50 feet
   - E. River, stream, storm water pond, drainage tile, creek or ditch……....25 feet
2. The maximum length of the trenches is 100 feet, and they must be of equal length.
3. If the required system is mound sand, flood-dosed or pressure distribution system using a pump, an experienced individual must design the system.

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

FIVE: After the septic system is installed, FINAL INSPECTION is required before covering any part of the system. The installer (owner or installer-registered) should call the HD for a final inspection appointment.

**** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Alf García at (260) 499-4182 Extension 7****