

Tips for Septic System Owners

Help Prolong the Life of Your System

- Conserve Water: install low flow fixtures, take showers, fix leaky fixtures, use water wisely.
- Have the septic tank pumped at least every 3-5 years, depending on tank size and household size. Have your septic professional conduct periodic inspections.
- Keep oils, grease, harsh cleaners, high sudsing detergents, bleach, paint and solvents out of the septic system. Do not flush bulky items.
- Wash full loads (dishwasher & clotheswasher)
- Use mild detergents or baking soda for cleaning toilet bowls.
- Prevent run-off from downspouts, sump pumps and paved surfaces from getting into the septic system.
- Keep heavy vehicles, equipment and livestock away from the septic system.
- Minimize use of garbage disposals; try backyard composting.

RECOMMENDED PUMPING FREQUENCIES

FOR DIFFERENT SIZE HOUSEHOLDS AND TANK SIZE

| Tank Size (gal) | Household Size (Number of People) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 500 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | - |
| 750 | 9.1 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| 900 | 11.0 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| 1,000 | 12.4 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 1,250 | 15.6 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| 1,500 | 18.9 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| 1,750 | 22.1 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| 2,000 | 25.4 | 12.4 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| 2,250 | 28.6 | 14.0 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| 2,500 | 31.9 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.6 |

To facilitate future cleaning and inspection, install risers from the manhole and inspection ports to the ground surface before burying the tank. Also mark the location so it can be easily found.

NEVER ENTER A SEPTIC TANK

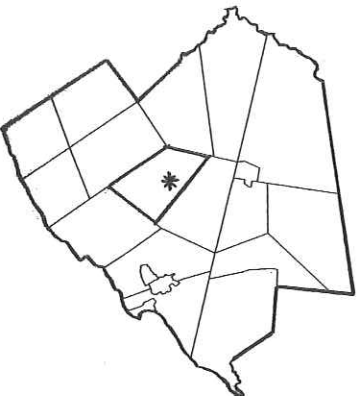
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Sewage Facilities Program

2013 Fee Schedule & Policy



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Soil Testing

Soil Probes by appointment w/ SEO, application on file, applicable fees paid, PA One Call (811), fees are per site

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| Single Family/Duplex | \$75 |
| Multi-Family | \$125 |
| Non Residential, <800 gpd | \$75 |
| Non Residential, >800 gpd | \$150 |

Percolation Test (witness) by appointment w/ SEO, day before presoak by 3:00 pm, winter perc policy: can dig-can test, fees are per site

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Planning Module Review for subdivisions and land developments

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Component 1 | \$100 |
| Component 2,3 & 4 | \$200 |

Permit Applications

permit valid for 3 years
new permits include up to 5 inspections

Residential (includes design review)

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Single Family or Duplex | \$250 |
| Multi Family | \$350 |

Non-Residential

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|----------|-------|
| <800 gpd | \$250 |
| >800 gpd | \$350 |

Repair/Modification

| | |
|-------|-------|
| minor | \$20 |
| major | \$150 |

Permit Reissue

\$60

Holding Tank

\$100

Design Review (changes only)

\$50

Missed Appt./Failed Inspection \$50

Checks payable to "Jackson Township"

What is the difference between a minor and major repair permit?

A minor permit is needed for minor repairs or modifications. Examples include replacing or adding a tank, installing cleanouts, replacing a baffle, adding risers, replacing a lid, replacing a pump, fixing a broken pipe, repair of electrical wiring, etc. Basically, if you think you may need a permit, you probably do.

A major permit is needed for activity such as installing a replacement system or a system up-grade.

Pumping the tank or cleaning laterals is considered recognized maintenance and does not require a permit.

Need more information?

Contact the SEO (Sewage Enforcement Officer) at the Jackson Township office.

Home Buyers, Homeowners, Builders and other Professionals may also refer to DEP's website (www.depweb.state.pa.us) choose WATER, choose Bureau of Point and Non-point Source Management, choose Wastewater Management, choose Sewage and Disposal for more information about the Sewage Facilities Program.

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