Site Evaluations for Septic System Repairs

Information for Property Owners

The Farmington Valley Health District provides assistance to property owners who have septic system problems by performing site evaluations and providing recommendations. In order to adequately evaluate your property, soil testing must be performed. This soil testing consists of "deep test pits" which are dug by a backhoe / excavator to determine whether there are soil limitations such as ledge and/or groundwater. Also, percolation tests are usually conducted to determine the drainage characteristics of the soil.

In order to perform our evaluation, you must secure the services of a contractor to dig test pits. **They can coordinate testing with this office.** Soil testing involves some amount of site disturbance. This office will attempt to minimize such disturbance, but cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred while performing the evaluation. In addition, the following information must be provided to this office:

- A signed application with a fee of **$360 (see page 2).** The fee pays for soil test observations and a written evaluation with basic recommendations. Please note that there is no fee for the replacement of a septic tank only because no evaluation is performed.

- A plot plan or sketch showing the location of the existing septic system relative to the building served and any wells, pools, streams, ground or surface water drains, invisible fencing, sprinkler systems and property lines.

- Underground utilities, such as electric lines, water lines, gas lines etc. must be marked in the field. Verification of property lines may be needed if actual boundaries are unknown.

- Information regarding the location of all wastewater lines is crucial. Therefore, access to the basement may be necessary.

Once you receive your septic system repair evaluation and you select a licensed installer to perform the work, a permit to repair the system must be obtained by the installer before septic work begins.

_A representative of this office will inspect the system installation and issue a written “Final Approval/Permit to Discharge” to you upon the successful completion of the project._
APPLICATION FOR SITE EVALUATION

☐ Septic System Repair (Full evaluation) $360

☐ Tank/House Sewer Pipe Replacement Only (Submit Proposal - No Evaluation Fee)

☐ Other (fee — to be determined)

* Prior to any installation there is a $205 permit fee for tank only & $260 permit fee for tank and fields*

Owner: ____________________________

Location: ____________________________ Street Town Zip

Mailing Address: ____________________________ Email Address: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Fax Number: ____________________________

Installer/Contractor: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Is plot plan available? ____________________________

Number of bedrooms: ________ Is property served by a private well ☐ or public water ☐

Does well casing extend above grade? Y / N Is there a jet pump for the well in basement? Y / N

Is there a water treatment system? Y / N Type: __________ Backwash to? ______________

Sewage Ejector Pump? Yes _____ No _____ Garbage Disposal? Yes ______ No _______

Is there more than one sewer line exiting the basement? Yes ______ No _______

If applicable, please provide a brief description of the trouble you are having with your system:

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IT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THIS OFFICE FOR APPOINTMENTS.

NOTES: (1) I agree to hold the FVHD and its agents harmless for any site disturbance, damage or difficulties associated with this septic system repair evaluation and subsequent repair work. (2) I further acknowledge that I am responsible for securing any necessary permit required from other town agencies (Building, Wetlands, Zoning, etc.). (3.) I have read page 1 of this application.

OWNER AGENT (FOR OWNER) ____________________________

Signature ____________________________

Print Name ____________________________ Date: ____________________________