

# Sewage Treatment System Inspection for Point of Sale—Willoughby

**The inspection of a household sewage treatment system is required by Chapter 951 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby entitled, Point of Sale Inspections. The City of Willoughby has contracted with the Lake County General Health District to perform these inspections. Please contact the Lake County General Health District directly at 440-350-2543 for a sewage system evaluation request form for a property sale. Please be advised that there is a fee for this service.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

- (A) Home sewage system inspections are normally started on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. The specific inspection date is at the discretion of the Health District sanitarian, dependent upon conditions found at the site. **It is necessary** that someone be present at the initial inspection. A dye test inspection will be performed that necessitates entry into the home.
- (B) If a sewage system malfunction is found during an inspection (i.e. surfacing or discharge of improperly treated sewage effluent) that indicates a possible public health hazard or nuisance, orders will be issued to the current owner for correction. If sanitary sewers are accessible to the property, orders will be issued for connection.
- (C) Sewage evaluation results will not be available for at least eight days following the service due to dye testing. Please schedule your requests accordingly. In cases where an inspection cannot be completed, buyers and sellers can agree to put sufficient funds for system repairs/replacement in escrow to permit loan closing when weather or other factors have caused delays in evaluations.
- (D) Evaluation results will only be reported on Health District provided forms and will be mailed to the requestor and/or desired individuals. Evaluation requests and results are public records of the Health District.
- (E) The evaluation, where a home is involved, will not necessarily determine if the applicable systems are installed within the legal boundaries of the subject property.
- (F) No sewage system evaluation will be conducted when snow depth exceeds two inches, if grass and brush exceeds 12 inches or if the home has not been **continually** occupied for the last 90 days. If the home is vacant, evaluation can proceed after the home has been re-occupied for 90 days. No sewage evaluations should be requested where any septic or aerobic treatment tank(s) will be pumped one month preceding or one week after the dye test is started.
- (G) The opinions that are given as a result of the inspection are sometimes rendered with out complete knowledge or observation of some of the individual components of the home sewage disposal system **and** apply only to the date and time the evaluation was conducted. **The opinion does not grant or imply any guarantee or warranty of the future performance of the home sewage disposal system.**

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