Voluntary Point of Sale Program Quick Guide

- Point of Sale (POS) evaluations are **NOT required by LCGHD** but are available upon request. Beginning January 1, 2020, POS evaluations will automatically initiate enrollment of a HSTS into the Operation & Maintenance Program (if not already enrolled).
- Evaluations may only be scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays.
- Homeowner/adult representative must be present on the first day of the evaluation to provide access to inside plumbing. Homeowner need not be present for follow up inspections, which only require outside inspection.
- Evaluations will NOT be performed if:
 - Snow depth exceeds 2 inches.
 - Grass and brush exceeds 12 inches.
 - 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.
 - Any septic or aerobic treatment tank(s) have been pumped within one month preceding the evaluation request, or are pumped within one week following the initial dye test evaluation.
- It is strongly recommended to have components such as tank lids, distribution boxes, etc. located and accessible for visual inspection. LCGHD will not uncover components during inspection.
- Evaluation report will take a minimum of 8 days to complete following the initial inspection.
- **LCGHD will NOT restrict transfer of a property.** Buyers and sellers can agree to put sufficient funds for system repairs in escrow to permit loan closing when weather or other factors have delayed evaluations.
- If component malfunctions or other nuisance conditions (eg. surfacing or discharge of improperly treated sewage effluent) are found during an LCGHD evaluation, **ORDERS** for correction will be issued (which may include repairs, replacement, or connection to sanitary sewers if accessible).
- Per OAC 3701-29-02 C, systems will NOT be required to be upgraded to current standards based solely on age.
- Check local ordinances for possible additional requirements, including mandatory POS evaluation.
- Alternately, registered Sewage Treatment System Service Providers may conduct private evaluations. LCGHD maintains a current list of registered providers at: <u>https://www.lcghd.org/sewage-treatment/</u>

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