



Lake County General Health District

Service Contract Maintenance Requirements **Sand Filters and Other Soil Absorption Components**

Lake County General Health District requires the following services be performed on your septic system a minimum of once every 5 years to ensure your system is adequately treating waste water.

1. Check sludge levels in septic tank and pump tanks when needed.
2. Check vegetative cover for erosion or settling and any evidence of seepage.
3. Check for ponding around and over distribution areas.
4. Check curtain/interceptor drains are clear of debris and effluent.
5. Ensure no nuisance conditions exist.

Please be advised, new rules and regulations prohibit sewage or effluent to be discharged to an abandoned well, drainage well, dry well or cesspool, a sink hole or other connection to ground water (OAC 3701-29-06 (E) 5). Please contact the health department if you feel you may have one of these systems.

Lake County General Health District does not provide these services. Please contract with a licensed service provider to provide these services. All inspections done by Lake County General Health District are ONLY to verify there is no public health nuisance present and the system was functioning as designed at time of inspection.

Frequency of Service: Once every 5 years

Permit Term: 5 year

Permit Renewal Fee: \$100.00

All homes that are not connected to sanitary sewers must have a household sewage treatment system (HSTS). The HSTS collects all the wastewater from the home and treats it through various methods before returning the water to the environment. Lake County General Health District requires that these HSTS be functioning. If they are creating a public health nuisance as defined in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-29 of the Sewage Treatment System Rules, homeowner must repair or replace system.

For any further questions regarding your septic system or the Operation & Maintenance Inspection program please contact us at (440) 350-2543.