



## HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Property Owner:

Please utilize the following step-by-step procedures to start the process of properly constructing a new sewage treatment system or replacing your existing system with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH).

1. Please complete the area between the dashed lines of the application, sign and date above the lower dashed line. Included in this letter, you will find more detailed information on completing these sections. Return the application along with the application fee (\$625 for a household sewage treatment system or \$875 for a small flow onsite sewage treatment system) to this office: Hamilton County Public Health, 250 William Howard Taft Road, 2nd Floor, Cincinnati OH, 45219. You will receive a completed copy of the application and design upon approval of the design by HCPH. Please note that the application fee does not cover any invoice(s) that have been issued for the existing system for an inspection by HCPH. Please make sure to pay any outstanding invoices.
2. Along with the completed application you will need to contact a sewage treatment system designer to evaluate the options that may be available for your property. You will need to submit the STS designer's design proposal and a complete site and soil report for your property in compliance with all codes. For your convenience a list of sewage treatment system designers known by this office is included on the next page. This list **does not** constitute a recommendation or endorsement for any company. Always check references and sites like the Better Business Bureau (BBB) before hiring any company.  
**Make sure to submit and complete all items on the attached checklist with your application.**
3. After the construct/replace evaluation is completed, the homeowner will be mailed a completed copy of the approved Application to Construct or Replace. This should be used to obtain bids for the system replacement. Most installers will want to see a copy of the approved Application to Construct or Replace prior to bidding the job. When the application is approved by the Registered Sanitarian from HCPH, the property owner with a failing STS will be given 120 days from the date of the approval to complete the replacement (not applicable to new construction). The list of registered septic contractors is provided for your convenience. Hamilton County Public Health **does not** recommend or endorse any company and or individual that is registered and bonded with HCPH. If you wish to install the system yourself, you may do so by passing the state exam and obtaining continuing education credits. Please call 946-7800 for further information and paperwork required to register as an installer.
4. Your chosen contractor must obtain a Permit-To-Install the sewage treatment system prior to commencing construction. After the sewage treatment system is installed, but before it is covered, an open trench construction inspection will be conducted by a Registered Sanitarian to ensure proper system installation. When the Health District verifies the system to be properly installed, it will be approved and a green approval sticker containing the inspector's signature and title will be issued. These approval stickers are usually placed on the inside of the control panel. Prior to providing final payment to your contractor, it is highly recommend that should ask to see the approval sticker to assure your system has been approved.

# Sewage Treatment System Designers

## Area Wide Septic & Service

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# Soil/Site Evaluators

## Clear Creek Environmental

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Lebanon, OH 45036

\*THIS LIST DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT OR RECOMMENDATION FOR ANY ONE DESIGNER OR SOIL EVALUATOR. Other Site/Soil Evaluators or Sewage Treatment System Designers may exist. However, this list represents people that are familiar with the requirements of the State of Ohio and additional policies and standards of Hamilton County Public Health. Always check references and websites like the Better Business Bureau before hiring any company.

The following is a breakdown to assist you with filling out the application:

New or Replacement

- i New installation is for a structure being built that needs a sewage treatment system (STS)
- i Replacement is for a pre-existing structure that the sewage treatment system requires replacement

System To Serve

- i Single family residence, duplex (two-family), or triplex (three-family) dwelling.
- i Small-flow -other

Address of Construction Site

- i The construction site is the address where the sewage treatment system is to be installed.

Tax Parcel # and Lot Size

- i This information can be located on your tax bill or you may wish to search your property information via the internet at [www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org).

Political Subdivision

- i A political subdivision is a township, village, or contracting city within Hamilton County. (Example: Colerain Township, Village of Fairfax, City of Montgomery)

Number of Bedrooms (Residential)

- i Indicate the number of all bedrooms, not the number of bedrooms being utilized.

Number of People in Structure

- i List the total number of the people that reside within the dwelling. For a commercial facility, list the number of people the system is designed for.

Monthly Water Usage (gallons) (Commercial/Residential)

- i This information can be obtained by contacting your local water supplier. In the event that you have hauled water, total your previous year of deliveries and divide that by 12 or the number of months you are totaling.

Water Supply

- i Public (water supplier) would be to whom you pay for your public water service. This is not the same as if you have a private water system.
- i For private water, please mark all that apply to your property.

Plumbing Under Basement, Ejector Pit, Hung Sewer

- i Plumbing under basement is when the waste line exiting the building is under the basement floor.
- i An ejector pit is a sump pump device that pumps sewage up to the building sewer in order for the waste to exit the building at a higher elevation.
- i Hung sewer is when the waste line exits the building above the basement floor and is usually “hung” from the underside of the first floor joists.

Water Softener, Garbage Disposal, Whirlpool Style Tub, High Capacity Shower, or Other Large Water Usage Fixtures

- i Please mark or fill in all that apply.

Should you require additional information, please contact our office at 946-7800 between 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

All items under Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29 must be completed when the application is submitted, or we are required to return all items to the applicant. Please check off each item as they are implemented into the plans. If a particular item is not applicable put N/A. Return this completed check off list with your site plans.

**Design of Septic System:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Detailed soil report with site drawing meeting the requirements of OAC 3701-29-07 and a septic system design from a qualified septic system designer/engineer. This design should include the following items:
- \_\_\_\_\_ One copy (1) of the soil morphology indicating limiting conditions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Four copies (4) of a site plan with scaled drawings of the system on the lot with soil sampling locations shown
- \_\_\_\_\_ Four copies (4) of the elevation plan with system components that are proposed for installation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Four copies (4) of the detailed onsite treatment system components to be used in the installation
- \_\_\_\_\_ One copy (1) of system design calculations for the home based on soil/site conditions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other items described in OAC 3701-29-10.

**Site Plan:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scale should be one-inch equals fifty-feet or less. (Ex. 1 to 40, 1 to 30 etc).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's name, address, and telephone number.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scale, north arrow, and date of drawing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Street address is required. NO LOT NUMBERS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision name or owner's name, address and telephone number. Property boundaries with courses and distances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Road right-of-way and easement areas with boundary descriptions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Topographical contours at two (2) foot intervals for lots having average slope of twenty-five (25) percent or less.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of the existing or proposed house, accessory buildings, driveways and all sewage system components and replacement area on the subject lot. Photocopies of all recorded easements, plus easement must be drawn on plot plan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of all bodies of water, streams, ditches, sewers, drain tile, existing and proposed potable water supply sources and water service lines on this or adjacent lot within 150 feet of the proposed subdivision.

**At the home/building site:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ When surveyed, all property corners of each proposed lot shall be field staked prior to the submission of final individual site plans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Septic system location, house location, and any other building structures will need to be flagged at the site.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Septic system location needs to be caution taped off to keep undisturbed.

**Other documents for submission:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ If the property has public water, only four (4) copies are necessary. If there will be a private water system on the property, five (5) copies of the plot plan and a private water application fee are required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the recorded deed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ One full set of floor plans for the proposed home/building must be submitted with application and above items.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application and the application fee of \$625 for household systems or \$875 for small flow systems.

# Application to Construct or Replace a Sewage Treatment System



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Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) - \$625.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement System <small>Plumbing Permit Required if All Waste-Water Not Directed to Septic System</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Small-flow Onsite Sewage Treatment System (SFOSTS) - \$875.00

Address of Construction Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (acres)

Political Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner:**  
(If different from above)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>System to Serve:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> Triplex <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
<b>Number of Bedrooms:</b> _____		<b>Number of People in Structure:</b> _____	
<b>Monthly Water Usage:</b> _____			
<b>Water Supply:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public (Water Supplier: _____)		<input type="checkbox"/> Private: Well / Cistern / Hauled Water	
<small>(Check One)</small>		<small>(Circle One)</small>	
<b>Check one:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing Under Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Ejector Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Hung Sewer			
<b>Present in the Structure</b> (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Softener	<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Whirlpool Style Tub	<input type="checkbox"/> High Capacity Shower
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Large Water Usage Fixture (Specify): _____			

By my signature below, I certify that I have read, I understand, and I agree to comply with the conditions set forth on the reverse hereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Owner's Agent Signature Date

For office use only

Field Inspection By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Application Expires Five Years From The Approved By Date. Replacement Systems Must Be Installed Within 120 Days of Approval Date.**

OWNER MUST READ AND INDICATE AGREEMENT BY SIGNING ON THE FRONT:

I understand that any approval granted on the basis of false or inaccurate information is automatically revoked. Approval is similarly revoked for my failure to comply with any requirements or conditions herein or any additional requirements of the Hamilton County Board of Health or the State of Ohio.

I agree to have a Registered Installer obtain a Sewage Treatment System (STS) Installation Permit prior to starting any work on a STS installation. I also understand that a repair or alteration of a STS requires a permit from the Hamilton County Board of Health. I understand that **THIS APPLICATION EXPIRES 5 YEARS FROM THE APPROVED DATE**, and no installation permit will be issued after that date. If the application expires, I must re-apply for a new permit and pay another application fee.

I understand that if the system has electrical components, a permit and inspection approval must be obtained from the Local Building Inspection Department prior to issuance of the final STS installation approval and operational permit.

I understand that the STS and all components contained within it require routine maintenance. Therefore, I agree to operate, maintain, and service the system and its components in accordance with any and all rules or requirements of the Hamilton County Board of Health and the State of Ohio. Depending on the STS type, a operation, monitoring, maintenance and service contract with a Registered Service Provider may be required before final system installation approval is granted and the STS is placed into operation.

All STS require an Operational Permit from the Hamilton County General Health District. I understand that Health District Personnel will monitor this STS as often as necessary to obtain information and to verify that the system is functioning in a satisfactory manner so that an Operation Permit may be issued. I understand that actions of Health District inspectors, engaged in the evaluation and determination of measures required for the siting, design, installation, and monitoring of this STS, shall in no way be taken as guarantee that the system will function in a satisfactory manner for any given period of time, or that the Hamilton County General Health District or any of its agents or employees assume any liability for damages, consequential or direct, which are caused, or which may be caused by a malfunction of the STS.

In the event that the STS fails to function in a satisfactory manner, as determined by the Hamilton County General Health District, I will take immediate action to correct any malfunctions, ensuring that the system functions in a satisfactory manner.

**I WILL NOT OCCUPY A NEW DWELLING OR STRUCTURE OR ALLOW OCCUPANCY UNTIL ALL FINAL TESTS AND INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND APPROVED ON INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PLUMBING AND THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM.**

I hereby certify that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record. If I am signing this application as the owner's authorized agent, we have agreed to conform to all applicable laws of the State of Ohio and the regulations of the Hamilton County General Health District.

# KNOW THE FACTS!

## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR SEPTIC **SYSTEM** REPLACEMENT AND SEWER CONNECTIONS

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*Financial aid may be available to homeowners who are repairing or replacing their household sewage treatment system or those connecting to water or sewer lines.*

### GRANTS

#### Hamilton County & Ohio EPA WPCLF Grant

Contact: (513) 946-7966.

- This is a **grant** program based on family income. Local Health Departments apply for the grant annually; funding is not guaranteed. Upon approval to receive funds from EPA, moneys are typically allocated to eligible projects at the beginning of each year.
- Moneys may be used for sewage treatment system replacement and sewer connection costs for failing sewage treatment systems.
- Hamilton County Public Health bids projects and selects contractor.
- Payment issued directly to contractor after the installation is approved by Hamilton County Public Health.

### GRANTS & LOANS

#### U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

Contact: (937) 393-1921.

- This is a **loan** or **grant** program.
- **Grants** are based on family income and applicants must be over 62 years of age.
- **Loans** have no age restrictions, but may have income restrictions.
- Moneys may be used for sewage treatment systems and sewer tap fees or other home repairs.
- Areas covered under this program often vary. Contact the USDA Rural Development Office for eligibility and current coverage areas.
- Payment will be issued after the installation is approved by Hamilton County Public Health.

### LOANS

#### Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP)

Contact: (513) 946-4487.

- This is a bank **loan** at an interest rate 3 percent below normal.
- May be used for septic systems, water/sewer connections and many other home improvements.
- No income restrictions for eligibility, but must meet bank's credit requirements.
- Can be used to correct code violations.

***For more information, please contact the Water Quality Division at (513) 946-7966***

*The provided information is believed to be accurate; however, program changes may occur. Feel free to contact 513-946-7966 with any questions.*



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