



Household/Small Flow Sewage Treatment System Application Instructions

- 1) A site and soil evaluation process must be completed on the property where the sewage treatment system is to be located. The site and soil evaluator is an independent contractor who must be hired separately from the Health Department. For a list of those capable of providing this service you will need to visit one of the following two websites:
 - a. Association of Ohio Pedologists <http://www.ohiopedologist.com/consultant-list.html>
 - b. Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) <https://www.soils.org/certifications/professional-search>
- 2) An application for a site review must be completed and submitted with payment to the Erie County Health Department. This application can be found on the Health Department website: <http://eriecohealthohio.org/householdsewage.html>. The Health Department should be contacted by the homeowner or the site and soil evaluator prior to the soil evaluation so someone from this agency can be present at the time of the evaluation.
- 3) Take the approved site and soil evaluation forms to a contractor capable of creating a design that meets the requirements of the sewage treatment system rules. The design and site and soil evaluation forms shall be submitted to the Health Department for review.
- 4) The permit to install may be issued after a design is approved and an application and payment has been received by the Health Department for the sewage treatment system.
- 5) Upon installation of the sewage treatment system, the registered installer should contact the Health Department to perform a final inspection of the system prior to the system being covered. When approved, an operation permit is issued to the owner of the sewage treatment system.
- 6) Mandatory service contracts are required for certain types of sewage treatment systems. All systems installed, altered, or replaced after January 1, 2015 will be required to obtain an operation permit from this agency upon final inspection of the system.