

THE COMBINED ALLEN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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PROCEDURE TO INSTALL A SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM

1. Applicant completes request for a site review for a new building lot or an evaluation of an existing sewage treatment system.
2. Sanitarian performs the evaluation of the existing system. For a vacant lot a review of the site includes the observation of area, topography, surrounding land use, flood plain maps and drainage options. If an existing lot is found to need a replacement sewage treatment system we will need to determine if an off-lot or on-lot disposal system will be needed.
3. If an on-lot disposal system appears likely the applicant will be advised to obtain a site and soil evaluation from a qualified individual. An order one or a order two soil survey will be required.
 - a. If a conventional septic tank, leaching tile field system can be used, a site plan showing the layout will be required.
 - b. If a mound, drip irrigation or other type of sewage treatment system is required, the applicant will be advised to contact a sewage treatment system designer to design a system for the lot.
4. If evaluation is for an existing structure and an off lot disposal treatment system is the only feasible option, the owner will be directed to contact a system designer for the design and to apply for a Ohio EPA NPDES permit. NOTE: Rules prohibit the installation of an off lot discharging system for new home construction. At this time the Allen County Health Department will pursue a memorandum of understanding with the Ohio EPA to allow for the issuance of NPDES permits.
5. Plans as required in Section 3.03 of THE COMBINED ALLEN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT SEWAGE DISPOSAL REGULATION for the sewage treatment system shall be provided together with the soil survey, system design and proof of NPDES coverage if applicable.
6. When plans have been approved, a permit to install may be obtained.
7. Only registered sewage treatment system installers shall perform the installation. Installations of any system shall require advanced notice to the Health Department so that inspections can be performed during the installation, and to deter systems from being installed when soil conditions are not favorable.
8. Final inspections of the installation will be requested by the registered installer when completed and prior to cover material being applied. Final inspections found to need a re-inspection will be assessed a re-inspection fee.
9. As built drawings shall be submitted within 14 days of final inspection for the system to receive approval for use.
10. The owner will be required to obtain service contracts, fulfill effluent sampling and testing requirements and comply with the operation permit requirements. 11) Inspection of the systems operation will be performed within 12 months of the installation.