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Household Sewage Treatment System Installation Steps

1. New installs require a minimum of **1.6 acres of usable land** per system. Repairs on existing sewage treatment system do not have to meet this size requirement.
2. **On-Site Evaluation**: Fill out application and pay the required \$100.00 fee. A sanitarian will meet with the property owner to evaluate where the septic system will be located as well as other buildings and topography.
3. **Soil Evaluation**: Fill out application and pay the required \$100.00 fee. The soil evaluation can be performed by the Pike County General Health District during the site evaluation. If the PCGHD is completing the soil evaluation, an excavator may be required to dig a 4' deep pit to evaluate the soil to determine the type of system that will be installed. A certified soil scientist may also do the soil evaluation -- a list can be found on the Ohio Dept. of Health's website: www.odh.ohio.gov
4. **Choose a Registered Installer**: A list of licensed installers are available at the PCGHD.
5. **Pre-design Drawing**: The installer must then complete a drawing of the system they plan to install. Once the drawing is approved by the PCGHD, a permit may be purchased.
6. **Issue Permit**: Permit fee for a new system or full replacement of an existing system is **\$374.00**. An alteration of one component such as adding leaching or replacing a tank is **\$235.00**. A permit must be purchased before the installer can begin work. The installer or representative of the owner may purchase the permit. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure a permit is issued before the beginning of installation. **If work is started before a permit is purchased, there will be a mandatory penalty of \$500.00 charged to the property owner.**
7. **Final Inspection**: Once the system is installed, a final inspection is required. The system will be inspected before it is covered to ensure it was installed as designed. The property owner must notify the Pike County General Health District a minimum of 24 hours before the system is ready for inspection.

Failure to meet the above requirements may result in penalty fees or replacement of incorrectly installed system.