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Household Sewage Treatment System Installation Steps

1. New installations require a minimum of 1.6 acres of usable land per system, repairs of existing system do not have to meet this requirement.
2. Purchase on-site evaluation (\$150.00): we 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: this portion can be done by the Pike County General Health District for (\$150.00) during the site evaluation. If the PCGHD is completing the soil evaluation, we will attempt to use a soil probe. If we cannot reach a suitable depth due to hard strata an excavator may be required to dig a 4' deep pit. A certified soil scientist may also do the soil evaluation – a list can be found on Ohio Dept. of Health's website.
4. Choose a registered installer – we can provide a list upon request. If a property owner decides to install their own system they must complete the ODH installer test. The link to the on-line version is located on the health district website.
5. The installer must complete a design drawing of the system before a permit is issued.
6. ****Issue permit**** Permit fee for a new or full replacement or replacement of the primary treatment component is (\$574.00). An alteration of the tank only is (\$335.00). A permit must be purchased before work can begin. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure a permit is issued before the installation begins.
7. Final Inspection – 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.

