



ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A
COMMERCIAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

Permits will be processed only when ALL required information is provided

Application MUST be accompanied by the following:

- ① Property address or road location with distance from nearest intersection.
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SANITARIAN HAVE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY.
- ② Complete and sign the application.
- ③ A detailed plot plan on a separate sheet of paper. (See example on the back of this sheet)
- ④ Copy of legal description of the property. Also provide Tax I.D. Number. A survey may be required.
- ⑤ All proper names are to be placed in designated lines. For definition of names, note the following:
 - A. OWNER: Shall be property owner of record at the time application is filed.
 - B. APPLICANT: Shall be one of the following:
 - Same as owner if that person is the one developing the property.
 - The purchaser of the property, if this is the person developing the property.
- ⑥ APPLICATION SIGNATURES:
 - A. The applicant shall sign the application.
 - B. Owner may sign only if designated and written authorization from the applicant accompanies application.
 - C. An agent may sign only if written authorization from the applicant accompanies application.
- ⑦ After application is completed, return it with all required information and the proper fee.
Make checks payable to: ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

◆ Under 1000 gallons per day: \$350.00
◆ Over 1000 gallons per day: \$400.00

ATTENTION APPLICANT: Installation of sewage systems between December 1 and March 1, is **PROHIBITED** without prior approval from the Health Department. Installing a sewage disposal system when the ground is wet or frozen can shorten the life expectancy of the system and result in failure sooner than if installation occurred during favorable conditions.

PROCEDURES AFTER SUBMITTING



APPLICATION:

- 1. **CALL THE AREA SANITARIAN TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE SOIL BORINGS ARE DUG.** Appointments may be arranged with your area sanitarian at (810) 987-5306, between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.; Monday through Friday.
- 2. Due to heavy clay soil, most soil borings will need to be done by a backhoe. In some cases, with sanitarian approval, holes may be dug with a post hole digger or similar device; however, **POWER AUGERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
- 3. In those cases that soil borings are not done by a backhoe, then a minimum of two soil borings, 80 feet apart, shall be dug and are to be a minimum of four inches in diameter. Borings are to be at least four feet deep and placed on opposite ends of the proposed disposal field area. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that there are no underground utilities in the vicinity of the borings.
- 4. The soil is to be laid out in the sequence it is removed from the holes.
- 5. Property lines shall be staked out along the road frontage.

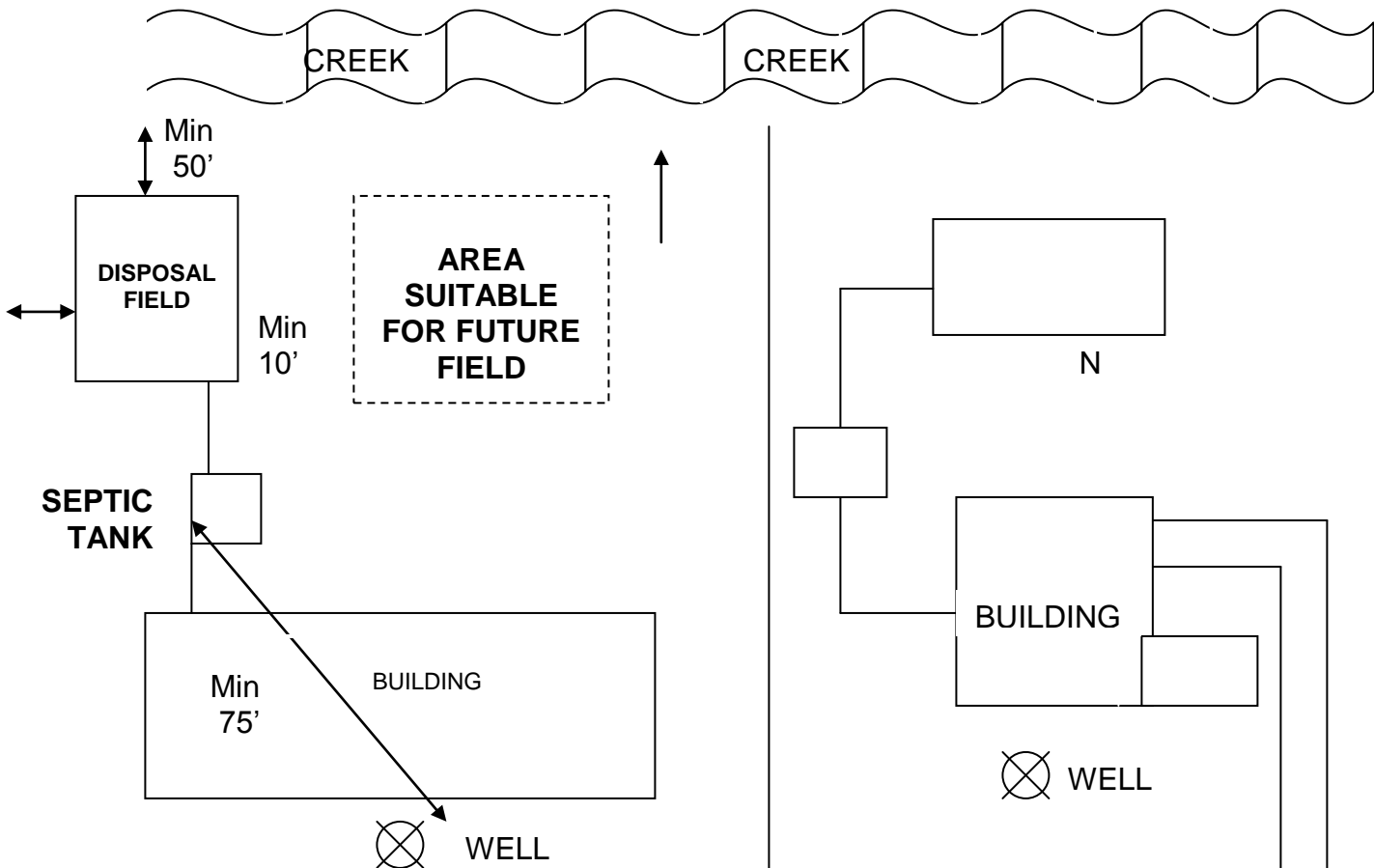
SAMPLE PLOT PLAN FOR COMMERCIAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL APPLICATION

- A. Show location of any existing construction such as buildings, wells, or sewage disposal facilities which are on the property, or adjoining lands.
- B. Show location of all proposed construction such as buildings, driveways, wells, and sewage disposal systems.
- C. Indicate any easements – lakes, ponds, drains, utility lines, etc.
- D. Indicate distances between wells and septic tanks, disposal fields, property lines, water courses.

<u>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS</u>		
ISOLATION FROM DISPOSAL	SEPTIC TANK	FIELD
	Property Line or roadside ditch	10'
Building Foundation	10'	10'
Type II or Type III Water Well	75'	75'
Residential Water Well	50'	

ATTACH YOUR DRAWING TO APPLICATION

SAMPLE DRAWING





St. Clair County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit

A Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permit is necessary for an earth change which disturbs one or more acres of land, *OR* occurs within 500' of a lake or stream.

An “earth change” is described as being a man-made change in the natural cover or topography of land, including cut and fill activities, which may result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of the waters of the state.

A “stream” is a river, stream, or creek which may or may not be serving as a drain, and which has definite banks, a bed and visible evidence of a continued flow or continued recurrence of water, including the connecting waters of the Great Lakes.

Sediment is the product of uncontrolled erosion and is the greatest pollutant by volume entering our rivers and streams every year. Erosion and sedimentation result in the loss of fertile topsoil increased flooding, destruction of aquatic habitats, filling of lakes and rivers, and structural damage to buildings and roads. Construction is one of the major causes of erosion.



The applicant must submit an application that provides specific information such as the name of the on-site responsible person, location and size of the earth change, description of the earth change and projected starting and ending dates. The soil erosion and sedimentation control plan shall be reviewed and approved by the St. Clair County Health Department.



Upon receipt of your permit fee, completed application, site plan and schedule of construction, an Environmental Health Sanitarian will conduct a site inspection. Your site will be inspected throughout the term of your permit to ensure compliance with Part 91.

At the end of the permit term a final inspection will be performed to determine if the site has been permanently stabilized or if the permit needs to be renewed.

To obtain an application for a soil erosion permit, contact:

**St. Clair County Health Department
Division of Environmental Health
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Date of application _____
 Application fee pd. _____
 Receipt number _____
 Permit number _____

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APPLICATION TO INSTALL COMMERCIAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

PROPERTY TAX I.D. NUMBER: **74** - _____ TOWNSHIP _____

PROPERTY LOCATION _____
Street number (if available) Street name

APPLICANT _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PROPERTY OWNER _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Type of establishment / business _____

New Construction Replacement sewage system Nuisance Abatement

Proposed number of:
 Employees _____ Seating Capacity _____ Square Feet _____ Shifts _____ Bed Space _____

Kitchen Facilities: Yes No Sewage flow _____ gallons per day How was flow calculated? _____

Water Supply: Municipal Private Public Type II Public Type III Well depth _____ Diameter _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

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 FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

THIS PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER PERSON OR PROPERTY

Number of septic tanks _____	Total capacity _____	Effluent filter required <input type="checkbox"/>	Pump specifications attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Standard Absorption Trenches: _____ lineal ft. of 24" trenches _____		(minimum 6' centers)	
Standard Absorption Bed: _____ sq. ft. (_____ x _____)		No. _____	Tile lines _____ ft. long 4 ft. centers

- Applicant must understand and follow all permit instructions and diagrams before installation.
- Invert (bottom of tile) is established at: _____
- Remove _____ in an area _____ x _____. **Loosen underlying soil to approximately 6" deep. DO NOT COMPACT SOIL.**
 - Install _____ wide deep cuts _____ times across width of field. Cuts shall be _____ feet deep. Fill with medium sand.
 - Replace with medium to coarse sand to 6 inches above benchmark in the _____ x _____ area.
 - Replace with _____ inches of clean medium to coarse sand in the _____ x _____ area.
- Bank (slope) with sand / loam at a 4 to 1 slope. **(No clay allowed).**
- Call for inspection of sandfill quality and depth. **DO NOT PROCEED UNTIL APPROVED.**
- Install stone and tile. Cover with a minimum of two (2) inches of straw, or an approved fabric.
- Notify Health Department for final inspection of system. **DO NOT BACKFILL UNTIL APPROVED.**
- Final cover shall be 12 inches of loamy topsoil **(no clay)**. Final cover shall support growth of vegetation. Seed and mulch entire area.
- Final grade shall allow for proper surface water runoff. Suggest surface water diversion and ditching and the use of water saving devices (toilets, showers, faucets, etc.). Divert downspouts/gutters away from septic field area.
- Tile invert ~ _____" above original grade; ~ _____" approved medium to coarse sand fill required.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/COMMENTS: _____

READ ALL GENERAL PERMIT CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE, AND THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE THE APPROVED SITE PLAN.

THIS PERMIT NO. _____, is hereby granted to _____, subject to conditions stated herein and for installation requested to be constructed in accordance with approved plans attached hereto.

PERMIT ISSUED ON _____, 20____. VOID AFTER _____, 20____. BY: _____

Sanitarian

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Location of the septic tank, sewage disposal system, or construction details and specifications shown in the application and plans as approved, shall **not** be altered without WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
2. Notify Health Department for inspection of system. **DO NOT BACKFILL UNTIL APPROVED.**
3. Assure that the building plumbing is set high enough to gravity drain to the specified tile field invert elevation and location, or a pump system will be necessary.
4. If you or your agents have any questions regarding this permit, contact the area sanitarian before you commence construction.

Seasonal / Weather Restrictions on Construction

Installing a sewage disposal system when the ground is wet or frozen can shorten the life expectancy of the system and result in failure sooner than if installation occurred during favorable weather conditions. Never begin construction unless the existing topsoil is dry, otherwise damage to the natural soil structure will occur. Installation of sewage systems between the dates of December 1 and March 1 is restrictive.

Notice to Applicant or Owner

The St. Clair County Health Department makes no warranty or guarantee that subsurface sewage disposal systems constructed in accordance with a suggested design or a system inspected and found to be in conformity with applicable regulations will function satisfactorily. A permit and/or subsequent inspection are only intended to insure compliance with the regulations and do not constitute any assurance that proper operation will result.

Maintenance

Have the septic tank pumped out to remove sludge accumulations at 3-4 year intervals; doing so faithfully can prevent premature failure of your tile field.

Legibly Marked Septic Tanks

The Environmental Health Code requires that septic tanks be legibly marked with the tank's liquid capacity.

Construction Practices

1. Use care and "common sense" when installing the disposal system to protect the soil's natural absorption properties by preventing soil compaction or smearing, and sealing off of the annular space between each individual soil particle through which water "percolates" away. As much as possible, keep equipment and vehicles off the tile field area before and during construction.
2. Be sure all exposed stone in the absorption field is completely covered with hay, straw, untreated building paper, newsprint, etc., to prevent infiltration of soil into the void spaces between the stones when backfilling. Clogged void spaces between the stone prevent proper aerobic decomposition of sewage.
3. The septic tank / drain field shall not be installed in easements.

Permit Renewal

This permit is valid for two years and is null and void after this twenty four month period. You may renew the permit for a one year (twelve month) period, provided you apply and pay for the renewal before the expiration (void date) of the current permit. The Environmental Health Code requires that persons who have expired permits that have not been renewed must file a new permit application, pay applicable fees, and shall meet current code requirements.

Other Governmental Regulations

This permit is permissive and its issuance does not convey any rights or exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any infringement of other applicable laws or regulations from other units of government, and it does not relieve the permit holder from obtaining other required permits. Specifically, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding any possible regulated wetlands, floodplains and/or soil erosion areas on the property prior to any construction.

