

Important Notice:

State Law Requires Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

After January 1, 2014, as a condition of applying for an onsite wastewater treatment system permit, the Illinois Department of Public Health Private Sewage Disposal Code requires the Owner to ensure the system is maintained in accordance with the Code.

The Code requires the property owner to log and maintain all maintenance records on forms provided or approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health and make records available upon request by the Illinois Department of Public Health or Peoria City/County Health Department. These records shall be transferred from owner to owner. Records shall be kept for the life of the system.

Installations and repairs permitted after January 1, 2014, are required to be maintained and serviced to ensure proper operation in accordance with the following:

1. Septic tank to a subsurface seepage system or septic tank followed by a sand filter discharging to a subsurface seepage system.
 - Onsite Wastewater Treatment System septic tanks serving residential properties shall be evaluated prior to or within 3 years after the date of installation of the system. After the first evaluation, the system shall be evaluated a minimum of once every 5 years. Depending on the system's use, the tanks and compartments may need to be evaluated and pumped more frequently.
 - Onsite Wastewater Treatment System septic tanks serving non-residential property shall be evaluated within 3 years after the date of installation of the system. After the first evaluation, the system shall be evaluated at minimum once every 3 years. Depending on the system's use, the tanks and compartments may need to be evaluated and pumped more frequently.
2. An aerobic treatment unit (ATU) requires evaluation and maintenance at least once every 6 months. The owner of an ATU may conduct the inspection and maintenance as defined within the Act, but the inspection and maintenance shall be performed per the manufacturer's requirements to assure proper operation. If the required inspections and maintenance are not performed, the system is in violation of Illinois Department of Public Health Private Sewage Disposal Code.
3. Sand filters and waste stabilization ponds with surface discharges require to be evaluated a minimum of once every year. Depending on the system's use, the tank(s) and compartments may need to be evaluated and pumped more frequently. The homeowner of a sand filter or waste stabilization pond may conduct the inspection and maintenance as defined within the Act, but the inspection and maintenance shall be performed per the

requirements of Illinois Department of Public Health Private Sewage Disposal Code to assure proper operation.

4. All other Onsite Wastewater Treatment systems that are not listed shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or based on a maintenance interval approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
5. The homeowner of an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System may submit an alternative maintenance interval to the Illinois Department of Public Health for approval. The Illinois Department of Public Health will evaluate the alternative interval on a case-by-case basis. The approval is **not** transferrable from owner to owner. Change in ownership or use of the private sewage disposal system will void the approval.

The failure to properly operate, maintain, and have routine service conducted on a private sewage disposal system is a violation of the Illinois Department of Public Health Private Sewage Disposal Code.

Additional information can be obtained on the Peoria City/County Health Department website.