

TO BE POSTED AT THE BUILDING SITE

PERMIT

for

INSTALLATION OF ONLOT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Pursuant to Application for Sewage Disposal System number _____ a permit is hereby issued to:

NAME OF APPLICANT

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SITE FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

This permit issued under the provisions of the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act," the Act of January 24, 1966 (P.L. 1535), as amended, is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, no part of the installation shall be covered until inspected by the approving body and approval to cover is granted in writing below.
2. This permit may be revoked for the reasons set forth in Section 7(b)(6) of the Act.
3. If construction or installation of an individual sewage system or community sewage system and of any building or structure for which such system is to be installed has not commenced within three years after the issuance of a permit for such system, the said permit shall expire, and a new permit shall be obtained prior to the commencement of said construction or installation.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

KEEP THIS PERMIT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Approval to Cover

Date of issuance of Permit _____

Signature of Enforcement Officer

Approving Body

Date

Signature of Enforcement Officer

The basis for the issuance of this permit is the information supplied in the Application for Sewage Disposal System and other pertinent data concerning soil absorption tests, topography, lot size, and sub-soil groundwater table elevations. The permit only indicates that the issuing authority is satisfied that the installation of the sewage disposal system is in accordance with the rules, regulations and standards adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, the Act of January 24, 1966 (P.L. 1535), as amended. The issuance of a permit shall not preclude the enforcement of other health laws, ordinances or regulations in the case of malfunctioning of the system.

*SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FACTS EVERY SEPTIC SYSTEM OWNER SHOULD KNOW

BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR SYSTEM

- Rope off the area of your system and protect it from vehicles.
- Caution your builder to avoid system area during home construction.
- Do not allow stripping of top soil or grading in the area of the system.
- Make sure your well is upslope from system and at least 100 feet away.
- Do not allow system installation in wet or frozen soil conditions. Soil must be loose, dry, unsmeared, and uncompacted.
- Keep downspout and footer drains out of your septic system.
- Seed your system area as soon as weather permits.
- Divert all surface water from system area.

CONSERVE WATER

- Water conservation prolongs your system life, saves you money, and need **not** be a personal inconvenience.
- Install low flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and install toilet bottle kits or tank displacement devices (if new construction, purchase low flow commodes). These devices can save a family of four over 100 gallons per day. Cost for these devices is only about \$20-\$70 and will save \$100-\$300 each year.
- See your local plumbing supplier and most major department stores.
- Purchase a front loading washer; they use 1/3 less water than top loaders.
- Take showers; they use less water than baths.
- Promptly repair leaky faucets.
- Use the clothes washer and dishwasher only when you have full loads.
- Contact your local DEP office for more information.

PUMP YOUR SEPTIC TANK

- Septic tanks must be pumped regularly (at least every 2-3 years).
- Tank pumping helps prevent more expensive system problems. Waiting for evidence of system problems (spongy lawn or sluggish toilet) may be too late for pumping to help.
- Pump your tank through the large central manhole, not the small baffle opening.
- Be sure tank pumper agitates tank contents before pumping. Solids and floating scum must be mixed before removal.
- Carefully mark the location of your septic tank.
- Sewage grinders and garbage disposals increase solids build-up in your tank. More frequent pumping should occur.
- **NEVER ENTER A SEPTIC TANK.**
- Information on septic system maintenance can be obtained from the local DEP office.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Place a copy of your sewage permit and yellow application in a safe place. This information will be important for future use.
- No septic tank additives have been proven beneficial for septic tank operation. Some may even be harmful. Regular tank pumping is the best advice to prolong your system's life.
- Before repairing or replacing your system (even a new septic tank), a new sewage permit from the municipal sewage enforcement officer will be needed.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION CALL
YOUR MUNICIPAL SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR THE LOCAL DEP OFFICE**