

## Sewage Disposal Old Real Estates

Country people use different method to dispose of sewage. It is done with a septic system. It is an unsophisticated combination of a holding tank and perforated pipes called leach lines; the sewage is absorbed or leached into the ground. As we see there are all kinds of ways for things to go wrong with such a system. In case septic tank backs up, or leach lines become plugged, septic tanks are no fun. This is the reason it is a good idea to make sure the septic system is working properly before you firmly commit to buying your country dream. Along with conducting water tests, lender may require a septic system inspection and certification before lending on country property. An inspection of septic system includes a visual inspection of the area around the system to look for obvious leaks.

These system failures are usually detected by visual clues of seepage and the accompanying malodorous stench. This inspection should also include pumping the contents from the tank and a visual inspection of the inside of the septic tank after the pumping is completed. Such an inspection should reveal any cracks or flaws in the tank itself. In case the system is in good working order, then also you should receive a written certification stating the results of the inspection. In case you are considering the purchase of vacant land, you should perform soils tests to determine the feasibility of a septic system on the property. The tests vary from area to area, depending upon the requirements of the local public health officials. The land under consideration, if located in an environmentally sensitive area, such as near a year-round stream, needs to meet more even more stringent requirements.

Tests conducted on soil reveal what kind of soil you have at the depth where your septic system will be placed. For proper working of a septic system, the soil must be capable of absorbing the waste from your septic system. Porous or sandy soil allows the waste materials to pass through too quickly for nature to purify them. While if the soil is opposite, such as rocky or hardpan clay, then it will not permit waste materials to pass through quickly enough to be purified. Thus a happy medium is necessary for a septic system to work effectively. All the health officials want to see the results of a percolation test, also known as a "Perc test," to verify the rate of absorption for the soils where you intend to place your septic system prior to approving a building permit. This percolation test usually consists of boring several holes with a power auger, filling them with water, and observing the elapsed time for the water to be absorbed into the ground.

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