



CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ON-SITE SEWAGE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR THE SITE EVALUATION PROCESS

Many parcels of land available for private residential homes are not served by public sewer or water systems. Homes in these areas use an on-site septic tank and absorption field system for wastewater disposal and a private well for water. The Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) evaluates property to determine if it is suitable for an on-site sewage/water supply system. The Superior Environmental Health Code regulates on-site sewage and water supply systems for one and two family homes. The code applies to most residential building sites and describes the minimum standards required for each sewage system including size and isolated distances. It also requires installers of sewage and water supply systems to be licensed and knowledgeable about the code. A copy of the code is available upon request.

FOR VACANT (RAW) LAND EVALUATIONS

During the site evaluation, **you will need to arrange to have a backhoe at the property** and the Sanitarian will use the "Site Plan Layout" drawing you provided to determine if the site meets the requirements of the code. The Sanitarian will ask the backhoe operator to dig one or more holes to a depth of six feet with a minimum dimension of 2 feet by 4 feet for the soil evaluation. If the soils and isolation distances meet the requirements of the code, and there is adequate space for an absorption field sized for the number of bedrooms in the proposed home, the site will be approved. For approved sites, the Sanitarian will provide you with a site evaluation report, blank construction permit application, and instructions for proceeding with the permitting process within a week of the site evaluation date. If your preferred sewage system location does not meet the code requirements, you, your sewage system installer, and the Sanitarian can discuss and evaluate alternative locations on the property. When a building lot does not meet the requirements of the code, the Sanitarian will provide you with a site evaluation report and letter which documents the results of the evaluation and explains the reasons why the site is not suitable for an on-site system.

- ✓ After the completed application has been received by the department, the health department will contact the owner/realtor/agent who has the responsibility to schedule the system evaluation date. The owner/realtor/agent **MUST** be present at the time of the system evaluation.
- ✓ Applications containing incomplete or inaccurate information may result in return of the application, and subsequent delay in processing.



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- Single Family Home Site - \$218.00
- Non-Residential Evaluation - \$239.00

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Owner's Name (if different) _____

Property Description to be evaluated

Property Tax ID _____ Township _____

Address (if assigned) _____

Town _____ Range _____ Section _____

Property Size _____ x _____ Attach copy of survey if available.

OR _____ acres

Is property a split which occurred after July 26, 1997? Yes _____ No _____

Directions to site: (be specific)

Send Report to (if other than the applicant):

Name _____ City _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Applicant (if other than the owner) certifies he/she is authorized by the owner to apply for this evaluation. Signature authorizes representatives of Chippewa County Health Department to enter upon said property to conduct the evaluation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Fee _____ Return application and fee to address at the top of this page.

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