

Van Wert County Household Sewage Treatment System Contractor Program Update

Van Wert County Health Department

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Annual License Renewal

It is again time to renew your annual registration. The fees for 2008 are listed below:

Installer Registration.....	\$95.00
Service Provider Registration.....	\$40.00
Septage Hauler Registration.....	\$40.00
Septage Hauler Vehicle Permit.....	\$25.00

In order to obtain a valid registration to work in any of the above categories in Van Wert County in 2008, the following items must be submitted to the Health Department:

- ✓ Your completed application(s)
- ✓ Copy of surety bond for each category in which you are seeking registration (\$25,000 for installers and service providers, \$10,000 for haulers)
- ✓ Proof of continuing education (certificates are already on file for those who attended this year's meeting in Van Wert).
- ✓ Appropriate fee(s)

No registration can be granted until all of the above items have been received. Contact the Health Department for more information.

Benefits of Early Renewal

Although the registration time frame coincides with the calendar year, contractors are not required to renew in January. Instead, registration is simply

required before the contractor performs work in Van Wert County during a given calendar year.

Contractors are once again encouraged to renew their registrations promptly in order to stay informed on any program updates which are conveyed to registered contractors through mass mailings as needed. An additional benefit of early renewal is that each currently registered contractor is included in a list that is distributed on request to individuals who are seeking the services of a contractor. This list is also posted on the Van Wert County Health Department website and updated periodically.

E-mail List

An e-mail list has been created to allow for quicker and more efficient sharing of Sewage Treatment System program updates and information on upcoming training opportunities. Contractors and other interested parties who would like to receive program updates via e-mail should send their e-mail address to jmenchhofer@vanwertcountyhealth.org.

Vehicle Inspections

Septage haulers are asked to contact our office at this time to schedule an inspection of their vehicle(s). A certificate of registration will be issued after all applications and required documentation have been received and an inspection has been made. **Registration is required for all vehicles used to pump and haul the contents of septic tanks and/or portable toilets.**

2006 Installation Permits

Within approximately one month of the time that you receive this notice, all household sewage treatment system installation permits issued during 2006 will have expired. Each system installation must at least be *started* prior to the expiration date of the permit. Installation of a tank or excavation of a filter bed are both considered installation activities. Simply having materials present on site does not constitute the start of installation. All installations begun but not completed by the expiration date of the permit must be completed as soon as possible. *Installation of a system without a valid permit from the Van Wert County Health Department will result in disapproval of the system and possible suspension or revocation of the installer's registration.*

As-Built Records

As required by the Van Wert County Household Sewage Treatment System Regulations, an as-built record is required to be completed by the registered installer for a completed STS installation or alteration. An approval letter will not be issued until the completed as-built record has been received by the health department.

To aid installers in providing complete and accurate as-built records, an updated Contractor Reference Checklist for HSTS As-Built Records and a sample as-built record are included with this mailing.

Enviro-Septic Experimental Program

The Van Wert County Health Department is within days of receiving experimental concurrence from Ohio Department of Health to allow installation of 25 absorption systems in Van Wert County using Enviro-Septic pipe, manufactured by Presby Environmental. This product appears to be very promising, as it treats the wastewater extensively before releasing it into the soil, allowing for smaller absorption fields. This is all accomplished without expensive mechanical

advanced treatment components. Contact the health department for more information on this new treatment option, or visit the Presby Environmental website at:

<http://www.presbyenvironmental.com/>

After installation, the performance of these systems will be carefully monitored by Van Wert County Health Department environmental health staff, and the resulting information will be made available to interested parties.

More Information...

For more up-to-date information on state and local HSTS Rules, visit the health department HSTS web page at:

www.vanwertcountyhealth.org/household_sewage_treatment.htm

This page will be updated as frequently as possible as new information continues to become available.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of this newsletter or Health Department requirements pertaining to household sewage systems, please feel free to contact:

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