



General On-Site Sewage Disposal Standards
City of Independence Public Works Department
111 E. Maple Ave., Independence, MO 64050 (816) 325-7617



For more detailed information, see The City of Independence Public Works Regulations (Chapter 17) and the Department of Health and Senior Services Specifications

1. Contractors and subcontractors are responsible for obtaining a Business License prior to performing work.
2. The contractor/installer shall be required to repair all areas disturbed during work activities to equal or greater condition.
3. If the construction varies from the design plans that were signed, sealed, and turned into the Public Works Department, it will be the installer's responsibility to contact the engineer and verify that Public Works receives updated signed and sealed sets of plans prior to the final inspection.
4. In case of a rain event, you may be permitted to add water to the tank in order to prevent tank from floating.
5. An inspection port is required at a minimum of at least one (1) of the lateral runs.
6. Grey water discharge is not permitted.
7. The absorption trench field shall be protected from any traffic during the house construction by barricading it off completely.
8. When finishing the system, it is a best management practice to leave several inches of soil above the twelve inch (12") requirement in order to allow for settling and to ensure that runoff water is diverted away from the trenches. Once the system is covered, the site is to be seeded to prevent erosion.
9. Lots for On-Site Disposal Systems vary based on the year:
 - (a) Before April 1, 1993 – 15,000 sq. ft.
 - (b) After April 1, 1993 – One (1) acre or more in size
 - (c) After January 1, 1997 – Three (3) acres or more in size
10. If the connection has been buried without an inspection, it will have to be re-opened at the contractor's expense in order to verify that the work performed has passed inspection and is in compliance with City standards.
11. Three eights inch (3/8") clean rock shall be used for bedding and cover of sanitary sewer laterals. Four (4") inch bedding shall be used in soil and six inch (6") rock. Cover for gas lines shall be a minimum six inch (6") earth backfill.
12. Vegetation will be the responsibility of the contractor/installer.
13. Verify that you have a diversion field if watershed flows into the area where the lateral field is placed.

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On-Site Sewage Disposal Permit Application Checklist

Required on All Permit Applications

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| 1. Septic Plan given with engineering signature and seal | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Business License number | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Contact information of plumber | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Licensed installer number | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Missouri One Call Ticket Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Required Prior to Permit Acceptance

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| 1. Percolation Test approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Septic Plan approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |