



## For Sale of Property Evaluation Checklist

Is there an existing sewage permit record at Geauga Public Health?

*If there is no sewage permit information on file, a sewage installer registered with Geauga Public Health must submit a written report and drawing (scale 1"=50") indicating the system components and location. The installer's information must be included on the drawing.*

Has the house been continuously occupied for the last 30 days?

*Vacant homes cannot be evaluated.*

Have the septic tanks/aerator been pumped in the last 60 days?

*Homes where the tanks have been pumped within 60 days cannot be evaluated.*

Is there excessive snow or grass cover?

*Generally, on-lot sewage disposal systems with snow cover or excessive grass height cannot be evaluated. Off-lot sewage systems may be able to be evaluated. This will be determined on a case by case basis.*

Is the all household plumbing tied into the sewage system?

*All sewage and gray water must discharge into the sewage system.*

For off-lot systems, a sample well may need to be installed if a flowing sample cannot be obtained close to the last treatment component.

*This will be determined by the inspector.*

Has the system had any repairs or inspections?

*If yes, please provide a copy of the repair or inspection with your application.*

All components must be easily accessible and uncovered.

*Failure to have components accessible may result in a re-inspection fee.*

### BEFORE AN INSPECTION IS MADE, THE FOLLOWING IS NEEDED:

1. The tank/aerator inlet(s) and outlet(s) must be exposed on each septic tank.
2. All distribution boxes must be exposed.
3. The exit(s) to any curtain drain must be exposed.
4. Lift station, chlorinator, discharge point and any other applicable component must be accessible.
5. Someone over the age of 18 years must be present to provide access to the property.

### AFTER THE INSPECTION

1. The inspector will compile his/her findings and will complete an evaluation report.
2. The report will be emailed or mailed to the requestor.
3. If corrections are needed, orders will be issued. A follow-up inspection may be required and may include a re-inspection fee and/or sample fees.
4. If the system is found to be failing, orders will be issued to make the necessary corrections or install a new sewage system.