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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 treatment and 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 Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code regulates on-site sewage treatment 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 treatment system, including size and isolation distances. It also requires installers of sewage treatment 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 treatment system location does not meet the Code requirements, you, your sewage treatment 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 site evaluation.

- ✓ Applications containing incomplete or inaccurate information may result in return of the application, and subsequent delay in processing.

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VACANT (RAW) LAND EVALUATIONS

○ 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)

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Send Report to (if other than the applicant):

Name_____ City_____

Address_____ State_____ Zip_____

Email_____ Phone Number_____

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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.