



Dysart et al Septic Maintenance Inspection Program

Remedial Action Information Sheet – Structure(s) within Setbacks

The Ontario Building Code outlines specific setback requirements for sewage systems including setbacks to water, water supplies, structures, etc. During the recent Septic Maintenance Inspection at your property, our inspector determined that one or more structures are encroaching on these setbacks. This may include a deck, staircase, bunkie, shed, etc. To rectify this issue, please review the options below.

1. Remove the structure

- Removing the structure would require removing the structure entirely, or at minimum removing the part of the structure causing the encroachment.
- Depending on the structure and the size of the structure, this may require a demolition permit.
- **Link to Demolition Permit Application:** <https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/build-and-invest/Building%20Department/Building%20Permit%20Application.pdf>

2. Relocate the structure

- Relocating the structure would mean that any part of the structure that is encroaching in the setbacks.
- Depending on the size and/or use of the structure, a building permit may be required to legalize the structure on site.
- Relocation of the structure will only be permitted if the structure complies with all applicable laws and regulations including the Ontario Building Code and the Municipal Zoning By-Law.
- **Link to Building Permit Application:** <https://www.dysartetal.ca/en/build-and-invest/Building%20Department/Building%20Permit%20Application.pdf>

Sewage System Setbacks to Structures:

- Tanks must be minimum 1.5m (roughly 5ft) away from all structures or part-there-of.
- Beds must be minimum 5m (roughly 16.5ft) away from all structures or part-there-of.

Timeline: This infraction provides you with a timeline of 60 days from the date of the report to apply for one of the above options. Please submit your follow up to septic@dysartetal.ca.

Non-Compliance: Failure to address a failed inspection can lead to enforcement actions by the municipality including Building Code orders and potential fees. A non-compliant septic system can also pose risks to your health, the health of your neighbours, and the environment, particularly affecting lake health in our community.