

Dysart et al Septic Maintenance Inspection Program

Remedial Action Information Sheet

Along with sizing, the Ontario Building Code also has requirements for maintenance. Septic tank components must function in their intended manner and as per manufacturers requirements. Over time, the system begins to show signs of wear in their components which are often repairable. These components are listed below, along with the accepted remedial action.

1. Tank Lids

- One or more lids were deemed to be in disrepair and are not creating an adequate seal.
- Replace the lid(s), submit an invoice of the repair.
- This infraction provides you with a timeline of 75 days from the date of the report to submit the necessary paperwork.
- Note: in many cases, concrete lids are no longer available to purchase. You will likely need to install a retrofit lid and riser system.

2. Inlet/ Outlet Baffles

- During the inspection the inlet/ outlet baffle was found to be damaged or missing.
- Replace the baffle(s), submit an invoice of the repair.
- This infraction provides you with a timeline of 75 days from the date of the report to submit the necessary paperwork.

3. High Volume Alarm

- The building code requires the installation of an audio/visual alarm on all pump chambers and Class 5 holding tanks.
- Have an alarm installed, submit an invoice for the installation.
- This infraction provides you with a timeline of 90 days from the date of the report to submit the necessary paperwork.

4. Haulage Agreement

- The building code requires properties with Class 5 systems to be serviced with a haulage agreement between the owner and a licensed sewage hauler.
- Contact a local sewage hauler, sign a haulage agreement and submit it to the septic office.
- This infraction provides you with a timeline of 90 days from the date of the report to submit the necessary paperwork.

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.