RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC TANK EVALUATION FORM

Homeowners can use this form to evaluate their septic tank on a regular basis. Keep completed forms for the life of the system!

Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act and Code 905.20 q) 3) i.

Private sewage disposal system septic tanks serving residential properties shall be evaluated prior to or within 3 years after the date of installation of the system. The system may be evaluated by the homeowner, a Private Sewage Disposal System Installation Contractor, a licensed Environmental Health Practitioner, an Illinois-licensed Professional Engineer, a representative of the Department (Illinois Department of Public Health) or an agent of the Department or local health department. The evaluation shall determine whether the tanks and all of the compartments of the private sewage disposal system have layers of scum and settled solids greater than 33% of the liquid capacity of the tank. If the layers of scum and settled solids are greater than 33%, the tanks and compartments shall be pumped out and maintenance shall be performed. After the first evaluation, the system shall be evaluated a minimum of once every 5 years. Depending on the system's use, the tanks and compartments may need to be evaluated and pumped more frequently.

Evaluation Checklist for Operating Residential Septic System Tanks
Evaluation type:1 st BaselineRoutine maintenance
Date of evaluation:
Evaluator name & company:
Pumper name & company:
Property owner name:
Site address:
Accessible:YesNo
Lid(s) need repairYesNo
Scum and settled solids %
Tank pumping recommended (sludge plus settled solids occupy 33% or more of tank volume):YesNo
Tank capacity (gal)
Tank pumped of all liquids and solids:YesNoNA Approx. volume pumped (gals):
Water stream flowing into tank from houseYesNo (TrickleSteady flow)
Inlet baffle needs repairYesNo
Outlet haffle needs renair Ves No



