HEALTH DEPARTMENT POLICY # 91-20

Digging Profile Holes for Health Department Inspection

Contractors may, if they wish, dig profile holes prior to Health Department arrival for inspection rather than making an appointment to dig the profile holes with the Health Department inspector present. In this case the contractor should submit to the Health Department a detailed plot plan on the permit application, and dig two profile holes in the usual manner (see attached standard letter) at the two opposite diagonal corners of the proposed leachfield. If, in the installers professional judgement, the profile holes meet the standards that the Health Department usually requires, he can then call the Health Department for an inspection on the profile holes.

The decision whether those profile holes show adequate soil for installation of the leachfield or whether more profile holes in a different area will need to be sought rests, ultimately, with the sanitarian from the Health Department.

Charles B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer

Richard Blood, REHS II

11-1-91

11-14-91

Remind to require owner release of liability form.
We are in receipt of your application for a septic system on the above-mentioned parcel. I have researched this parcel for soils information and we will need further information in order to process this application.

_____ Provide soils data in the form of soils analysis and/or percolation data obtained from former land divisions. This should include a map showing exact site which tests were performed.

_____ Our files indicate soils data from a previous land division. Your plot plan indicates you wish to install a septic system in a location outside the previously tested area. We will require additional soils data as listed below.

_____ Two (2) soil profile holes must be excavated to the depth of eight (8) feet or to the depth of refusal. At least one profile hole each must be excavated in the exact proposed area for the septic system installation and the expansion area. A representative from this office should be present at the time the profiles are being excavated, but you have the option of digging them in advance. If you choose to pre-dig the holes, you must contact this office and we will do our inspection within 48 hours of notification. If you wish to have our representative present during excavation, please give us 48 hours notice and we can schedule an inspection. Office hours are from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Alyne D. Soden
Permit Clerk

Attachments