



**Environmental Health Division 31927 State Route 93
McArthur, OH 45651**

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**SOIL EVALUATION APPLICATION
THIS IS NOT A SEPTIC PERMIT**

Site Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Township/Village: _____ Lot#: _____ Subdivision: _____

Owner/Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

- Is the property in the 100 year floodplain or a flood way? Yes No
- Has the property been stripped or surfaced mined? Yes No
- Will this be a new construction? Yes No
- Will there be a basement w/ bath or laundry? Yes No
- Number of bedrooms: _____ Acres: _____

Directions to site:

I, the owner or owner's legal representative, agree to allow representatives of the Vinton County Health Department access to the described parcel to perform necessary soil tests. I understand that this is not a permit and in no way guarantees that a septic can be installed on this property. I also understand that I will be required to obtain a permit before construction of the septic may begin. The permit will not be valid until issued. I further agree to install, operate, & maintain the sewage treatment system in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code and the Vinton County Health Department regulations. I agree to contact the Health Department for final inspection of the sewage treatment system at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to backfilling and will not occupy the property until approval is granted. The Vinton County Health Department assumes no responsibility for the efficient functioning of any private sewage system. Proper maintenance is essential. I understand that if any information submitted on this form is inaccurate, the permit will not be issued or if it has been issued, it will then be considered void. I am responsible for ensuring all utility lines are marked prior to any excavation. I also understand that excavating any area deems that area unusable for septic.

Owner/Applicant's signature:

Date:

Return the permit application to the Vinton County Health Department, with the appropriate fee and a copy of your plat map, deed and property description. These documents must include information such as any recorded easements, length and location of lot lines. Plat maps can be obtained at the auditor's office. An appointment will be scheduled to meet with you or your representative at the property to conduct the site evaluation. You will need to arrange to have the means to provide a test pit with the dimensions of 3'W x 3'L x 5' D during the evaluation. Lot lines must be clear or they will need to be flagged. An address is required before permits can be issued.

***Other Vinton County agencies involved in process**

Auditor's Office	Plat maps	740-596-4571 ext. 231
Engineer's Office	House address	740-596-4571 ext. 241
Ohio Utilities Protection Service	Call before you dig	800-362-2764 or 811



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The purpose of this guide is to aid the homeowner with the process involved in site and soil evaluations and obtaining a permit.

Soil Evaluations

A soil evaluation is needed for all new septic systems and any system that needs to be replaced or altered. You will need the following:

- A copy of the plat map, map must include actual dimensions in feet of each side of the property boundaries. You may obtain a copy at the Auditor's office or provide a recent survey. If the plat doesn't have you as being the current property owner, proof of ownership will be needed.
- Complete green application and pay the \$125.00 fee (checks made payable to Vinton County Health Department).
- Schedule an appointment to have someone meet us there that knows where the property boundaries are and where the proposed house is going, along with the driveway and any other pertinent site information.
- Must provide means to dig two 3' wide x 3' long x 5' deep test pits. The location of which will not be determined until the inspection.

The homeowner may elect to hire a different agency for the soil evaluation. This is optional and will be the homeowner's expense. Although the health department doesn't register soil scientist, we do have a list available upon request. After the soil evaluation has been completed, you will receive notification in the mail with the specifics of your system. This does not mean that the system is approved and is ok to install. This just gives you a starting point to work with the installer regarding the system to be installed and to determine if there is adequate room for the system and a replacement system.

Site Review

A site review is conducted prior to applying for the septic permit. A site review includes:

- Complete application and \$100 fee
- Soil Evaluation
- STS Design

Once the above items are received, we will schedule an appointment to conduct an on-site evaluation to determine whether the proposed STS design is in compliance. An approved site review is valid for 5 years, provided there are no changes to the site conditions or the STS design.

Septic Permits

A septic permit is only issued after the site review has been approved. At this time we will contact you to review the system prior to issuing the permit. Once a permit has been issued, then the system may be installed. The permit is valid for one year. Once the installer has completed the installation, they will call us for a final inspection. This inspection will give approval to cover the system. It is requested that the homeowner be present at the final inspection to allow us to review the system with you. If for some reason you cannot make the final appointment, you must schedule a time with us in the office to review the system with you before the final approval is given. Final approval will be issued once all items have been received and system is determined to be installed in compliance with the rules.