

Septic System Maintenance Checklist

Section 905.20 (q) of the Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code requires that septic systems installed and permitted after January 1, 2014 under Section 905.190 be maintained and serviced to ensure proper operation. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain all maintenance records. The records shall be transferred from owner to owner. In addition, the records shall be kept for the life of the system.

The checklist below provides the specifications for maintenance pertaining to the type of construction of your new system as stated in Section 905.20 (q). It is required you comply with the below maintenance schedule and assure all maintenance and service is completed for the specified time periods. Failure to comply with this section is in violation of Illinois law. To record maintenance service on your system, you shall use the attached property owner septic system inspection and maintenance record form provided by the Logan County Department of Public Health.

Septic Tank to a subsurface seepage system or Septic Tank followed by a sand filter discharging to a subsurface seepage system

- Septic tank shall be evaluated prior to or within three (3) years after the date of installation of the system. Per section 905.20 (q), qualified individuals who can perform the evaluations include the homeowner, a Private Sewage Disposal Contractor, a licensed Environmental Health Practitioner or an Illinois licensed Professional Engineer.
- The evaluation shall determine whether the tank 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 five (5) years.
- Depending on use, the tank and compartments may need to be evaluated and pumped more frequently.