



Heartland Health Region - Public Health Inspection Onsite Sewage

A properly constructed sewage disposal system ensures that wastewater is effectively treated. It is important to protect our families, neighbours, water supplies and the environment from health hazards that can arise from improperly treated sewage. Public health inspectors provide a variety of services related to sewage under *The Private Sewage Works Regulations*. Effective October 1, 2011, the regulations governing sewage have changed.

All private onsite sewage system installations, including holding tanks, require a permit be obtained from Heartland Health Region prior to the system being covered up and put into use. Submit the sewage application to your inspector 7 days in advance of the inspection. Contact your public health inspector at least 2 business days in advance to arrange an appointment for inspection.

Application to Construct Private Sewage System

The Public Health Inspection program provides the following services:

- Contractor and homeowner education
- Plan review, input and approvals
- Issuance and approval of permits
- Site inspections and final approvals of completed systems

Before constructing any system, please read the information below and consult with your local public health inspector

Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

Prior to the construction of a private sewage disposal system, submit an application with a detailed plan to your public health inspector for approval using the Application to Construct Private Sewage System Form. Once this application is submitted and approved, construction may proceed

Please note that surface discharge systems and lagoons are not allowed on a parcel of land that is less than 10 acres in size

Documents for Choosing, Designing and Maintaining Sewage System

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/wastewater-disposal-guide>

Guidance for Designing Sewage Systems for Installers

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=806b16d3-4d35-4ccd-a0e9-80e13fa0878a&MediaID=3636&Filename=owts-installers-guide-design-mar-2009.pdf&l=English>

Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Maintenance Document

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=d657dfb1-2869-4f72-a5ad-7198754accb3&MediaID=3323&Filename=owts-maintenance-mar-2009.pdf&l=English>

Guidance for Installers Constructing and Permitting an Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=e6b792ac-ba78-4575-a31e-a9c16ce3124e&MediaID=3325&Filename=owts-installers-guide-constructing-mar-2009.pdf&l=English>

Common Types of Sewage Systems

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=b6e2b416-f448-4acd-bd33-5a495776193e&MediaID=4734&Filename=common-types-of-private-sewage-works.pdf&l=English>

How and Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Works

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=5d7418fb-cdc6-4dfc-a4c0-f32d21c39201&MediaID=3322&Filename=owts-how-it-works-oct-2009.pdf&l=English>

Choosing a Sewage Contractor

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=991f4e9f-1286-410b-a09f-0fc9cac2eced&MediaID=4733&Filename=choosing-a-sewage-contractor.pdf&l=English>

Guidance for Installers: How to Complete an SOWDG Work Sheet - Appendix 7 of the Guide

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=ec39ac20-b7e0-44f4-be8e-f521c558f9a6&MediaID=3326&Filename=owts-installers-guide-worksheet-mar-2009.pdf&l=English>