

What do I need to do when installing a new septic system?

1. Contact Jeff Sherman, Floyd County Sanitarian, at 641-257-6145 or 641-330-7440 to set up a site evaluation for the best possible location to put your system, as well as determine what system would best work for your situation.
2. Contact one of the licensed and, as of July 1, 2010, certified installers of septic systems from the list provided by Jeff Sherman to get an estimate for the septic system. Be sure to let the contractor know you have met with Jeff and have them contact Jeff to confirm where the system will be placed. (Note: If you have already contacted a contractor prior to Jeff doing a site evaluation, make sure the contractor is present when Jeff does come out for said site evaluation to make sure everyone is on the same page.)
3. Call Iowa One Call at 800-292-8989 for a utility locate in the agreed upon area where the septic system will be placed.
4. If applying for financial assistance, make sure to talk to your lender about Iowa's Onsite Wastewater Loan Program (OSWAP). If they are not a participating lender for the OSWAP program, information on how to become a participating lender has been included in this packet. Once you have found a participating lender, an OSWAP Approval Form will need to be filled out and signed by Jeff. Jeff will need to sign that he approved a preliminary plan (i.e. the site evaluation) and he will also need to sign after he performs the final inspection.
5. Pay the \$200.00 septic permit fee made payable to the Floyd County Treasurer to Jeff Sherman prior to any work being commenced.
6. Make sure Jeff Sherman is contacted prior to the septic tank being set and prior to closing up the system after it is completed. The purpose of this is to allow Jeff to do the appropriate inspections and document where the system is located.
7. Review the Do Not Flush sheet and Residential Onsite Wastewater Treatment book provided in this packet for information on how to maintain your system. You can also review the complete online maintenance book at the following website:
<http://www.inspect-ny.com/septic/septtext.htm>

What do I need to do if I am selling my home?

1. Review the information in this packet regarding the new time of transfer inspection program, including the flowchart of how to proceed.
2. Either you or your realtor will need to contact Jeff Sherman to determine if your system will need to be inspected, whether it needs to be replaced without an inspection, or if it has been installed in the last two (2) years if you are unsure as to when it was installed.
3. Either you or your realtor will need to contact a certified inspector or a contractor to replace the system, based on the information and guidance you receive from Jeff Sherman.
4. Contact Jeff Sherman with any additional questions you may have.