

Name of Practice: SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT

DCR Specifications for No. RB-4

A. Description

Installation of a septic tank system to replace an identified straight pipe which delivers sewage directly to a stream, pond, lake, or river or an installation to correct a malfunctioning on-site sewage disposal system. A malfunctioning system could be contributing raw or partially treated sewage on the ground's surface, or resulting in a direct source of sewage to adjacent ditches or waterways, or into ground water.

B. Purpose

To improve water quality by removing raw or partially treated sewage on the land surface that can enter surface water or ground water during storm events, or sewage that is direct source of contamination to surface water or ground water. Sewage means water-carried and non-water-carried human excrement, kitchen, laundry, shower, bath, or lavatory wastes separately or together.

C. Policies

1. Cost-share is authorized:
  - a. For the pumpout and removal of solids from the septic tank.
  - b. For the installation of a septic tank and subsurface drainfield components.
2. The contractor shall obtain a written construction permit from the Virginia Department of Health.
3. The contractor shall obtain any other permit as required for the installation/replacement of the septic tank system.
4. The contractor shall obtain and comply with any engineering designs as required in the Health Department permit.
5. The installation/replacement must be inspected by the Health Department.
6. By accepting payment for this practice, the recipient agrees to maintain the system for a minimum of 10 years unless the system is eliminated by connection to public sewer. This practice will be subject to spot checks for up to 10 years by the District.

D. Rate

The cost-share shall not exceed 50% of the total eligible cost unless the recipient is eligible for additional funds (not to exceed 75%) based on income levels in accordance with DCR's Program Design and Guidelines, TMDL – Cost-Share Assistance Program for On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems. The cost-share payment will not exceed \$3,000.