

Operation and Maintenance Program FAQ's

Why do I need an Operation Permit?

Operation Permits are required by the new 2015 Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-29. One of the main driving forces behind issuing Operation Permits is to provide more homeowner education regarding maintenance of septic systems. The Operation Permits will also ensure that proper maintenance is being performed that may increase the life of the septic system. Through the Operation Permit, homeowners can learn more about their septic system and WCPH will be able to offer more educational opportunities for the public.

Is my septic system “grandfathered in” making me exempt from the O&M program?

No. Every septic system in Wyandot County will be in the O&M program eventually. The 2015 state-wide sewage rules mandate that all septic systems be in an O&M program, no system is exempt.

Will I have to put in a new system?

A new system is not required unless it is causing a public health nuisance and it can not be repaired or altered to remediate the nuisance.

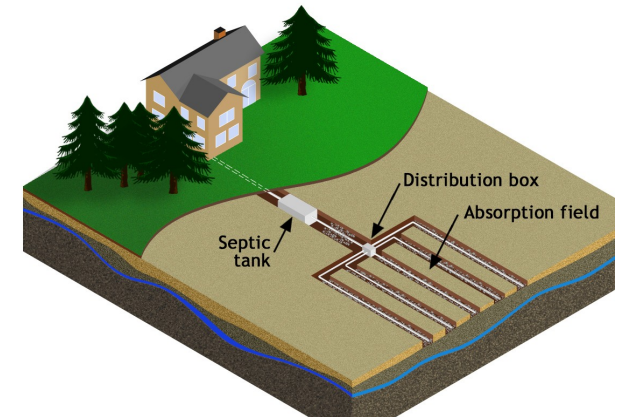
If I buy a new home, will I have to purchase a new O&M permit or will the current permit transfer?

The operation permit is connected to your septic system, not the owner. The permit would transfer to the new buyer and you may have to purchase a new permit for your new home if that system does not already have a current operation permit.

Are you buying or
selling your home?

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When working correctly, septic systems are an excellent way to treat wastewater. However, poor maintenance can cause these systems to fail, leading to pollution of our ground and surface water. In order to avoid septic system failure, the state of Ohio has created a set of rules, Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-29, to help monitor and maintain septic systems. These state wide rules have made it so Wyandot County Public Health must expand it's current Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program to include all septic systems in Wyandot County.

When is a permit required?

Property owners will only be required to obtain a new operation permit for an existing system if:

1. There is a sale, transfer, or conveyance of a property with a 1, 2, or 3 family dwelling on the property and it is not exempt from real property conveyance fees.
2. The replacement is a 1, 2, or 3 family dwelling or there is any substantial alteration resulting in additional bedrooms
3. There is an identification of a septic system failure.

The frequency at which your septic system is inspected is dependent on your system type.

The table below shows the inspection frequencies by system type.

Category	System Type	Inspection Frequency
A	Septic tank to leach field, subsurface sand filter, or mound No mechanical pretreatment	At least once per 10 year permit period
B	Septic tank to unknown No mechanical pretreatment	At least once per 5 year permit period
C	Aeration unit, NPDES approved system, distribution system	Yearly

In order to have an operation permit be valid for 10 years, there must either be a septic installation permit on file with WCPH or the secondary component must be field verified by a registered septic installer.

Category C permits shall expire annually, but can be extended for up to a total of 3 years if a service contract from a registered service provider is obtained and all required maintenance and sampling requirements are conducted and provided to WCPH.

To help determine the type of septic system servicing your home, you can contact WCPH and ask if there is an existing septic permit for your property.

Who can service my system?

In order to provide service to a septic system, you must be registered with WCPH. A list of registered service providers can be found on our website or by calling 419-294-3852.

If your system was installed after 2007 and has a mechanical pre-treatment component, it must be serviced by a service provider trained on that specific type of system.

A homeowner can service their own system if they own and reside in the residence and become a registered service provider which includes taking a state wide test.

Minimum system standards

- ◆ Septic tank with risers installed to grade and any diverter boxes and/or required inspection ports to grade
- ◆ All electrical and mechanical components are operational
- ◆ Proof of system pumping within last 12 months or on-site evaluation showing <30% solids in tank.
- ◆ No signs of system failure