

Septic Frequently Asked Questions

I recently had my septic tank pumped by a person NOT on the approved haulers list. Do I have to pump the tank again?

No. However this waiver will only be granted for the first cycle of the program.

I have an abandoned house (and system). Do I have to pump it?

Yes. We recommend that the septic tank be crushed so that you will not need to pump the next cycle.

I just installed a new (or repaired an existing) septic system which had the tank pumped. Do I have to pump again?

No. You will be given a waiver for pumping if you can show proof (permit, cancelled check, receipt, etc.) that your septic tank has been pumped.

My system is only used part time during the year. Do I have to pump it?

Yes. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does not recognize part-time use of a septic system.

I am the only one living at the house. Do I have to have my tank pumped?

Yes. The number of people living at the house does not affect when you need to have your tank pumped.

Do I pump every three years? Or do I have to follow the township's scheduled year?

You need to follow the township's schedule. Waivers will be provided for the first cycle, but are very limited in all other cycles that follow.

I have a holding tank (or outhouse or cesspool, etc.). Do I have to pump it?

Yes. Any septic system within Liberty Township is required to be pumped.

I have vacant land (no buildings or septic systems). What do I do?

You need to complete an excusal form, available from the Township Office. On this form you will need to describe the property, confirm that no systems are present, and return it to the Township Office. You will receive a waiver for the cycle.