

Information and Disclaimer Concerning On-Site Sewage Management System Inspection

- Health Department inspection of an on-site sewage management system will consist of a visual inspection of the sewage absorption field for sewage discharge to the surface of the ground, examination of the septic tank for structural integrity at the time it is pumped by a licensed septage hauler, and the inlet and outlet piping located inside the septic tank.
**Note: The applicant shall be responsible for payment of the licensed septage hauler service.*
- Health Department inspection of a lagoon system will consist of visual inspection of the lagoon and, if a septic tank is included in the system, examination of the septic tank and the piping inside the septic tank for structural integrity at the time it is pumped by a licensed septage hauler. *Note: The applicant shall be responsible for payment of the licensed septage hauler service.
- Any deficiencies detected will be documented on the inspection report. The current owner shall be notified in writing of any violation(s) of the Douglas County Sanitary Code, and shall be given 30 days to correct such violation(s).
- The inspection report will document the observations of Health Department staff on the day(s) of inspection only. Since many factors contribute to the performance of an on-site sewage management system (including soil type, weather conditions, household water usage, vegetative cover over an absorption field, age of the system, etc.) the Health Department cannot guarantee that the on-site sewage management system will not malfunction at any future time.
- In the case that the owner, or person paying for the inspection, believes that the inspection or the inspection report was done negligently or in a manner that fails to disclose deficiencies, and a claim is made against the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department for damages, the liability of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department shall be limited to the cost of the inspection only.

Information and Disclaimer Concerning Water Well System Inspection

- Health Department inspection of the water well system consists of screening the water for coliform bacteria, *E. coli* bacteria, and nitrates, determining whether all appropriate separation distances to possible pollution sources are met, and checking for an approved sanitary well seal. Any deficiencies detected are documented on the inspection report.
- The inspection report documents the water quality and condition of the private water well system observed by Health Department staff on the day(s) of the inspection only. The Department cannot guarantee that the system will not malfunction at present or any future time. The Department screens drinking water for coliform bacteria, *E. coli* bacteria, and nitrates only, and cannot guarantee that the water quality will meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act at present or any future time. If testing for other contaminants (such as pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals, etc.) is desired, the Department will provide a listing of laboratories approved by the State of Kansas to test drinking water.
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