



Septic System Verification Process

How It Works and What to Expect

Any existing home that does not have a permitted sewage treatment system may use a Huron County Registered Service Provider to attempt to verify that a system and components are present to obtain a permit. Below is a list of items that are needed prior to the evaluation by HCPH. Once an evaluation has been conducted by HCPH, and IF system components are verified, an operation & maintenance permit will be issued to the homeowner.

1. Tank risers shall be added so they are accessible at grade, if not already done. Risers will need to be added over the inlet and outlet end of the tank, if not already done (this can be done by the Homeowner or they can hire a sewage professional to perform this).
2. Distribution, splitter (if applicable) and/or Inspection boxes will need to be added so they are accessible to grade, if not already done.
3. If leach lines are confirmed to be present (using locating equipment), the end of the lines will need to be exposed for HCPH to verify they are not connected to a tile discharging off lot. If off lot discharge exists, discharge line shall be exposed, opened, and dug to allow for a free-falling sample to be collected by HCPH. A sample box and risers will not have to be added at this time. IF the samples are acceptable and below nuisance standards, a sample well and risers shall be added at that time.
4. Sub-surface sand filter beds will need splitter and/or distribution boxes added (accessible to grade) and will need to have a proper inspection/sampling well installed after the system (preferably 10 feet from the end of the sand filter bed).

Homeowner's have two options with HCPH for the verification process:

1. Have your Huron County registered service provider verify that you have a system present before HCPH is scheduled for the evaluation. All tank and box risers will need to be accessible at grade, end of leach lines will need to be exposed, which will require an open excavation until after the evaluation is complete. The homeowner can also choose to have the service provider revisit the site while the evaluation is being done to expose the end of each line. *Doing this may result in an additional fee from the provider.*
2. The homeowner may choose to have the HCPH onsite during the entire verification process. This will result in an increased evaluation fee from HCPH, but will not require the service provider to revisit the site.