

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2019-4

Abandonment of Existing On-lot Sewage Disposal Systems

1) Purpose:

The purpose of this Administrative Order is to clarify the requirements of Manheim Township's policy for the abandonment of on-lot, private sewage disposal systems.

2) Justification:

In order to insure the proper abandonment of existing on-lot, private sewage disposal systems in Manheim Township, the following program has been developed.

3) When Required:

When an existing on-lot sewage disposal system(s) is to be abandoned, an over-the-counter [Plumbing/Mechanical Permit](#) is to be obtained and the noted requirements are to be followed.

4) Requirements:

1. The owner of the property or agent for the property owner shall be responsible for obtaining a [Plumbing/Mechanical Permit](#)
2. Removal and proper disposal of all liquids, sludges, and solids from all tanks and distribution boxes is to be performed by a PA Department of Environmental Protection Agency (PA DEP) registered hauler.
3. There are two (2) options for the abandonment of the on-lot sewage disposal system:
 - a. Removal of all tanks. **A pre-backfill inspection is to be scheduled and approved with our office prior to closing the open excavation.**
 - b. Abandon tanks and distribution boxes in place. Substantially break up the bottoms of all tanks to allow the free passage of water and fill tanks with an approved inert material. Approved inert materials are either cleaned crushed stone or approved clean gravel (2B or AASHTO #57). **A pre-stone inspection is to be scheduled and approved with our office prior to filling tanks and boxes.**
 - c. Clean fill or topsoil is permitted to be used for the final 24" of backfill material.
4. This Administrative Order does not replace or modify Ordinance 2014-17, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 399, Sewer and Sewage Disposal, of the Code of the Township of Manheim. The installation and maintenance of new and existing on-lot sewage disposal systems are subject to the rules and regulations of the current Sewer and Sewage Disposal Ordinance.

Issued By: 

Andrew S. Bowman, Director of Code Compliance

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