



## St. Joseph County Health Department

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury, and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

### APPLICATION TO DEFER CONNECTION TO THE GRANGER SEWER SYSTEM

Some of the businesses to be served by the Granger Sewer System have septic systems that are in failure or are not suited for the structure(s) they currently serve. To protect our drinking water supplies from contamination and ensure compliance with Federal, State, and County laws, the St. Joseph County Water and Sewer Board and the St. Joseph County Health Department will require that anyone who defers connection to have a properly operating septic system. Property owners who wish to defer connection shall obtain a determination from the Health Department that their septic system is fully functional and substantially suitable for its current use.

#### Septic System Functionality and Suitability Criteria

If any of the following conditions exist, the Health Department will not issue a determination that the septic system is fully functional and substantially suitable for its current use:

1. The system refuses to accept sewage at the rate of design application thereby interfering with the normal use of plumbing fixtures;
2. The system requires frequent pumping because the absorption area is not accepting effluent at the design rate;
3. Effluent discharge exceeds the absorptive capacity of the soil, resulting in ponding, seepage, or other discharge of effluent to the ground surface or to surface waters;
4. Effluent released from the system causes contamination of a potable water supply, groundwater, or surface water; or
5. The Health Department determines that the system is substantially unsuited for the structure(s) it serves. The following systems shall be determined to be unsuited for their current use:
  - a. Systems that have a absorption area that consists of a drywell(s);
  - b. Systems that have a absorption area that is 50% or less of the size required by current State Code;
  - c. Systems that were installed without a permit and final inspection by the Health Department unless the owner can prove to the Health Department that the system meets all current requirements for its current use (a comprehensive inspection shall be required at the owners expense);
  - d. Systems where the distance between the septic system and potable water well is less than State and County standard and considered a substantial risk to public health; and
  - e. Other systems when the Health Department determines it is reasonable and necessary to require connection to the Granger Sewer System when it becomes available.

#### Process for Obtaining the Health Department Determination

To obtain the determination identified above the owner shall:

1. Contract, at their expense, with a septic inspector licensed by the Health Department (list attached) to perform an inspection according to the Health Department's procedures. The inspection shall be documented on the attached form. Certain information must be provided by business owner.
2. Submit the form to the Health Department for evaluation at the following address.

<b>Environmental Health Division</b> <b>227 West Jefferson Blvd.</b> <b>County-City Bldg. 9<sup>th</sup> floor</b> <b>South Bend, IN 46601-1870</b>	<b>Phone (574) 235-9721</b> <b>Fax (574) 235-9497</b>
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3. The Health Department will provide their determination to the Water and Sewer District and the property owner.
4. Submit a letter requesting to defer connection along with the Health Department determination to the Water and Sewer District.

# 1 St. Joseph County Health Department Licensed Septic Inspection Companies - August 23, 2011

COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	FAX
A & R Wastewater	55910 Currant Road	Mishawaka	IN	46546	(574) 674-5779	(574) 255-9877
ABC Excavating	15440 County Road 4	Bristol	IN	46507	(574) 848-0331	(574) 848-4497
Abe's Free Flow, Inc.	226 S. Elder Street	Mishawaka	IN	46544	(574) 259-4534	(574) 257-0992
Advanced Home Inspections	12454 Stoney Drive	Middlebury	IN	46540	(574) 370-3564	(574) 825-9392
Akins Excavating	54095 CR 39	Middlebury	IN	46540	(574) 825-5941	(574) 825-9534
Barnes Backhoe Service	P.O. Box 463	Bristol	IN	46507	(574) 848-4810	N/A
Bradberry Brothers, Inc.	20061 Dice Street	South Bend	IN	46614	(574) 291-1330	(574) 291-6080
C & E Excavating, Inc.	53767 CR 9	Elkhart	IN	46514	(574) 262-4346	(574) 262-9251
Clemons Backhoe Service	69281 Oak Road	Lakeville	IN	46536	(574) 784-2888	(574) 276-1410
Confident Home	52448 Filbert Road	Granger	IN	46530	(574) 217-8961	(574) 217-8961
Cowsert, Jr Septic	51783 Ash Road	Granger	IN	46530	(574) 674-2951	(574) 674-2951
Creed Septic System Specialist	14326 US Hwy 6	Plymouth	IN	46563	(574) 784-2942	(574) 784-2409
D.D. Bontrager & Sons Excavating	15275 County Road 26	Middlebury	IN	46540	(574) 533-7158	(574) 533-7158
Dolph Excavating Co.	P.O. Box 609	Elkhart	IN	46515	(574) 264-6384	(269) 699-7257
Elf Excavating	52900 Hastings Street	South Bend	IN	46637	(574) 273-0534	(574) 273-0534
Emergency Drain	210 Towle Avenue	Mishawaka	IN	46544	(574) 299-9620	(574) 299-9649
Grade-Rite Excavating, Inc.	P.O. Box 837	Granger	IN	46530	(269) 663-3394	(269) 663-3394
Grose Excavating	26230 Parkview Avenue	Elkhart	IN	46514	(574) 264-3733	(574) 262-5457
Horvath & Associates, Inc.	2946 US 12 East	Niles	MI	49120	(269) 663-5435	(269) 663-5436
Huffs Septic & Sewer, Inc.	12700 3A Road	Plymouth	IN	46563	(574) 784-8503	(574) 784-2723
Hunt's Septic Tank Service	3027 E. Detroit Road	Niles	MI	49120	(269) 683-4757	(269) 683-1390
Jerry Reed Excavating	15401 New Road	Mishawaka	IN	46544	(574) 633-2192	(574) 633-0722
John Ward Concrete, Inc.	10341 Charles Street	Osceola	IN	46561	(574) 299-1048	(574) 299-1051
K-Fex, Inc.	5885 N. 800 E	New Carlisle	IN	46552	(574) 654-3754	(574) 654-8541
Lang, Feeney & Associates	715 S. Michigan Street	South Bend	IN	46601	(574) 233-1841	(574) 674-0374
LaPine Enterprise	26200 SR 4	North Liberty	IN	46554	(574) 656-2201	N/A
Mac's Septic Service	29698 CR #2	Granger	IN	46530	(574) 532-2910	(574) 262-1400
Meade Septic Design, Inc.	312 River Vista Drive	Goshen	IN	46526	(574) 533-1470	(574) 534-8687
Middlebury Septic	16403 County Road 108	Bristol	IN	46507	(574) 848-7704	(574) 848-4066
Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Nth Central IN	P.O. Box 390	Milford	IN	46542	(574) 658-3106	(574) 658-3682
NXT Company, LLC	6910 N Main St., Unit 60, Bldg 15-A	Granger	IN	46530	(574) 298-3087	(574) 272-9409
Quality Excavating Corp	67242 County Road 33	Millersburg	IN	46526	(574) 831-5920	(574) 831-5920
R & R Excavating, Inc.	2010 Went Avenue	Mishawaka	IN	46545	(574) 256-2467	(574) 256-2473
Sunset Septic & Excavating, Inc.	P.O. Box 1488	LaPorte	IN	46352	(219) 778-8100	(219) 778-8020
Turnocks' Sales & Services, Inc.	24120 State Road #2	South Bend	IN	46619	(574) 289-0766	(574) 288-6346

The companies listed above have one or more employees licensed by the Health Department to perform septic system inspections.

