Columbiana County G H D
General Health District

P.O. Box 309 • 7360 State Route 45 • Lisbon, Ohio 44432 • (330) 424-0272
FAX (330) 424-1733

Procedure for Acquiring a Septic Permit

1. Obtain a presite evaluation application.

Part (A) A soil evaluation must be performed by a qualified soil scientist. A list of these individuals is printed on the bottom of this page. The soil scientist is an independent contractor. He must be contacted by the individual applying for the presite application or his representative. The soil scientist charges a fee to perform the soil survey on the property in question. Once the survey is complete, the scientist issues a report to the applicant.

Part (B) A site evaluation form is completed by the individual desiring to build. The Columbiana County Health Dept. fee for a site evaluation is One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150.00). Payment is required before an actual site inspection is performed. The site evaluation requests the name of the property owner, the address of the property to be evaluated, the size of the lot in question and the size of the home including number of bedrooms. Also provide a tax map of the property (available at the county engineer's office) and a copy of the house plans.

2. Submit the presite evaluation application and soil test evaluation, along with tax map and house plans to the Columbiana County Health Department located at 7360 SR 45, Lisbon, OH 44432. If an appointment is required to coordinate an onsite evaluation by Health Dept. Personnel, please indicate directions to the property and a convenient meeting time.

The purpose of applying for a presite evaluation is evidence that the soil on the property in question is suitable for a home sewage treatment system. Please note the minimum acreage needed in Columbiana County to install a home sewage treatment system on vacant ground is 35,000 square feet of useable ground if a water well is also included on the lot. For lots with access to a community water treatment system, the lot size is 25,000 square feet of useable ground. These are minimum lot size requirements and may not always guarantee an approval. Sufficient area for future repair of the septic system must also be considered.

Once approval has been given in writing to a presite evaluation application, the approval is good for one year.

3. **A permit to install a home sewage treatment system may be applied for after presite approval is given on a new construction.**

SOIL SCIENTIST CONSULTANT LISTING

The following are members of the Association of Ohio pedologist who are available as consultants.

James R. Bauder	Canton	330-499-1688
Floyd E. McCleary	Warren	330-393-7645
E. Larry Milliron	Berlin Center	330-547-2475