

New wastewater systems will be permitted by the St. Clair County Health Center and meet all standards of the County ordinance, policies and agreements.

Following is an overview of the permitting process for a standard onsite system on a lot:

- A registered soil scientist will perform a soil morphology evaluation per state guidelines.
- A registered installer will prepare a complete St. Clair County wastewater permit application with a design appropriate for the site and soil conditions. The application and permit fee will be submitted to the County Health Center.
- A County environmental public health specialist (EPHS) will perform a site evaluation to verify the correctness and appropriateness of the information on the permit application; If everything is in order, a construction permit will be issued.
- The installer will notify the County Health Center of their intentions and timeframe for installation.
- The installer will install the system as per the plans on the application; any changes will be discussed with the County EPHS in advance. The installer will provide an opportunity for the County to perform a final inspection before covering the system.

Following is an overview of the permitting process for a holding tank:

- For camping lots and multi-purpose lots that would require an advanced engineered system, a registered installer will prepare a St. Clair County wastewater permit application for a holding tank; this application and the permit fee will be submitted to the County Health Center.
- The application will be reviewed by a County EPHS, if information on application is in order a permit will be issued to install the holding tank.
- If there are questions about the suitability of the lot for a standard wastewater system a site evaluation will be scheduled, a soil morphology examination may be requested.
- When a holding tank permit is issued a registered installer will install the system according to the plans on the application.
- The County EPHS will perform a final inspection, they will either provide the homeowner and installer with a system approval or notify the installer of corrections necessary for the system to be approved.
- At their discretion, the County may do a certification without final inspection.

For additional information contact the St. Clair County Health Center at 417-648-8332.