

CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
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**SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM POINT OF SALE EFFLUENT RE-SAMPLE APPLICATION**

ADDRESS OF HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SELLER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL / OTHER PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON TO PROVIDE ACCESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS \_\_\_\_\_ WATER SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN OCCUPIED CONTINUOUSLY FOR LAST 30 DAYS?  YES  NO

WHEN WAS THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM (STS) LAST PUMPED AND/OR SERVICED? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**IF THE RESIDENCE HAS NOT BEEN CONTINUALLY OCCUPIED FOR THE LAST 30 DAYS A RE-SAMPLING OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM CANNOT BE CONDUCTED UNTIL IT HAS BEEN RE-OCCUPIED FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS.**

1. **The fee is \$150.00 and is not refundable.** This fee may be paid in the form of cash or check payable to the *Cuyahoga County Board of Health*. This fee must be received and processed prior to re-sampling. Payment will **NOT** be accepted in the field. If there are multiple sewage treatment systems to be re-sampled additional applications must be submitted for each STS.

NOTE: THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RE-SAMPLING BY EXPOSING THE ACCESS COVERS TO ALL SEPTIC TANK(S), COMPARTMENTS OF THE AERATION SYSTEM, DOSING - PUMP TANK, FLOW DIVERSION DEVICE (SPLITTER BOX) AND SAMPLING WELL.

2. Adverse weather conditions may unavoidably delay the completion of the evaluation.

**A sewage system re-sample may not be feasible at this time if any of the following conditions exist but may be rescheduled once conditions change provided the re-sample is scheduled within one year of payment:**

- a) Snow depth exceeds two (2) inches.
- b) Excessive rainfall amounts.
- c) Brush or grass over the system is excessive.
- d) Septic tank(s) or aeration system has been pumped/serviced within 30 days of the evaluation.
- e) House has not been **continuously occupied for the last 30 days**. If the home is currently vacant, an re-sample can proceed after the home has once again been **occupied for a minimum of 30 days**. A residence is considered occupied when someone is living in the residence and introducing sewage into the sewage treatment system through normal use of the internal plumbing fixtures.

3. The sanitarian will arrange and conduct the re-sample during normal business hours, unless special arrangements have been made. Two separate effluent samples may be collected from discharging systems a minimum of twenty four hours apart. If the average of these two samples is above the nuisance limit of 1,030 MPN/100ml for E. coli bacteria repair or replacement options will be provided.

4. **The homeowner will be provided a copy of the sample results and any other correspondence from the Board of Health. It will be that person's responsibility to distribute copies as required by their purchase agreement, bank, realtor, title company, etc.** Only one copy of the sample results will be provided.

5. Replacement of the system may be required in areas where sanitary sewers have already been determined not to be feasible or cost-effective. Older systems utilizing antiquated design standards typically are not capable of meeting current effluent quality standards and are often in need of replacement. Newer systems may require repair, routine maintenance, or the installation of an additional sewage treatment device to improve the quality of the effluent and thus minimize the impact to the environment.
6. In many cases, the seller and buyer can agree to put sufficient monies in an escrow account to permit closing when weather or other factors have caused unavoidable delays. Contact your real estate agent or lending institution for more information on establishing an escrow account. Several registered sewage system installers should be contacted to provide estimates on current sewage system repair or replacement cost.
7. The opinion rendered by the Board of Health regarding the sewage system applies only to the date and time that the samples were collected. This opinion does not guarantee the future performance of the sewage system and is rendered with the expectation that the system will not be loaded beyond its original design capacity and that routine maintenance will be performed as required.

I have read, understand, and agree to the conditions stated on this form. **NO EVALUATION WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER. I acknowledge, under penalty of falsification (ORC 2921.13), that no modifications have been made or substances added to the STS to temporarily alter the laboratory analysis of effluent generated by the STS. Such actions are a direct violation of Ohio disclosure laws. I also acknowledge that the residence has been continuously occupied and the tanks have not been pumped for at least the last thirty (30) days.**

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| Name of Current Property Owner | Signature | Date |

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