

Washington County Sewage Council

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PREPARING FOR A SEPTIC TANK DYE TEST

Guidelines for Realtors and Homeowners

Many Municipalities require the WCSC to conduct dye tests for on-lot sewage. Our Sewage Officers are State certified in sewage inspection. If in doubt, please call our office.

- ❖ Our form can be printed out from our website, www.wcsewagecouncil.com Payment of \$150.00 should accompany your form.
- ❖ The property owner **MUST** expose the inspection port to the septic tank prior to the dye test. This is possibly a manhole-size opening into the tank. If the location of the tank is unknown, it is the responsibility of the property owner to retain a professional to locate the tank. Sometimes digging up the lid will be necessary. The WCSC does *not* perform this service.
- ❖ Septic tank must be full, (not newly pumped out) in order to have a successful dye test.
- ❖ Running water inside the home is essential.
- ❖ Sewage Officer will need access to the home, and will place dye in the toilet and possibly utility sink or floor drain.
- ❖ Sewage Officer will report his findings, and a letter confirming the findings will immediately be sent to the Applicant, and to the Municipality.
- ❖ In the event of a failure, a repair permit will most likely be necessary. The Sewage Officer will discuss this with the property owner or Applicant.

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