



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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May 6, 2016

To: All Deferred Customer Property Owners within the Granger Sub-District No. 1 Service Area

Subject: **NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT**
ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

This notice is to inform you the five (5) year certification to remain eligible as a Deferred Customer **expires October 6, 2016**. The St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District (RWSD) Rate Ordinance 2011-2 outlines the process for its sewer availability customers to continue delaying participation for another five (5) year extension.

If your property is already connected to the sewer line, then you do not have to respond at this time and the following requirements do not apply to you.

If you want to **maintain your "Deferred" Status**, then you must have an authorized inspector certify your system(s).

The Renewal Application to Defer Connection to the Granger Sewer System is enclosed and available in the offices of the St. Joseph County Health Dept. and Dept. of Public Works, County-City Building, during the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or on-line at www.stjosephcountyindiana.com. This process applies to both Residential and Non-Residential Users requesting to extend a deferred connection.

It is your responsibility to submit the certification form for each applicable property, along with a letter requesting to extend the delay of connection to the Health Department no later than December 5, 2016. The Health Department will then determine whether your system(s) is fully functional and substantially suitable for its current use.

Failure to submit the certification form within the specified time period will result in your property being compelled to connect in accordance with the ordinance.

Please contact the RWSD at 574-235-9626 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Don Smessaert

St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District President

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St. Joseph County Regional Water & Sewer District

RENEWAL APPLICATION TO DEFER CONNECTION TO THE GRANGER SEWER SYSTEM

The St. Joseph Regional Water and Sewer District (District) allowed properties that met certain criteria to defer connection to the Granger Sewer System for five years. This deferment may be extended by the District if the property owner provides information showing that the property continues to have a septic system that is fully functional and substantially suitable for its current use as determined by the St. Joseph County Health Department. This is necessary to protect our drinking water supplies and public health.

Septic System Criteria

If any of the following conditions exist, the deferment will not be extended:

1. The system refuses to accept sewage at the rate of design application thereby interfering with the normal use of residential plumbing fixtures;
2. The system requires frequent pumping of the septic tank 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 not fully functional or not substantially suited for the structure(s) it serves. The following systems shall be determined to be unsuited for their current use:
 - a. Systems that have an absorption area that consists of a drywell;
 - b. Systems that have an 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 owner's expense);
 - d. Systems where the distance between the septic system and potable water well is less than the 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.

Process for Obtaining the Health Department's 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.
2. Submit the completed inspection form and a letter to the Health Department requesting a deferment to one of the following:

envirohd@co.st-joseph.in.us

or

Health Department
227 West Jefferson Blvd.
County City Building, 9th floor
South Bend, IN 46601

3. The form and letter must be received by the Health Department no later than December 5, 2016.
4. The Health Department will provide their determination to the District and the property owner.



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"

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT FOR RENEWING THE DEFERMENT TO CONNECT TO THE GRANGER SEWER SYSTEM

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER

Owners name: _____

Complete address of property: _____

Is this a residential or commercial structure: _____

If this is a commercial structure, complete the following.

Name of establishment: _____

Type of business activity performed: _____

Has the type of use of the facility changed in the last five years? Yes No

Maximum number of people using the structure each day: _____

Number of times the septic tank has been pumped in the last year: _____

Additional information may be required.

SEPTIC INSPECTION RESULTS PREPARED BY LICENSED INSPECTOR

The inspection shall be performed during times of normal use.

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| a. The tank is not structurally sound or sufficiently level to operate effectively. | Yes | No |
| b. The tank shows signs of excessive staining and scum buildup above the invert of the outlet pipe: | Yes | No |
| c. There is evidence that effluent has risen to the top of the tank or ground surface. | Yes | No |
| d. Effluent does not flow freely out of the tank when 70 gallons of water is placed in the tank. | Yes | No |
| e. More than a minor amount of runback occurs when 70 gallons of water is placed into the tank. | Yes | No |
| f. Probing or coring the absorption area shows high liquid levels or excessive biomat formation. | Yes | No |
| g. The system discharges to a stream, tile, ditch, conveyance, or the surface. | Yes | No |
| h. The absorption areas include a drywell. | Yes | No |
| i. Probing the absorption area indicates the system is not the same system as included on the permit. | Yes | No |
| j. Distance to nearest water supply well. | | _____ |

SKETCH

The inspector shall attach a copy of the most recently approved septic permit drawing for the Health Department. If no drawing exists or if conditions in the field differ from the approved drawing, the inspector shall attach a neatly drawn sketch of the septic system showing distances from the nearest structures, property boundaries, and water wells.

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR

_____	_____	_____
Signature of licensed inspector	Company represented	Date

HEALTH DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION

Date of Health Department approval of original septic system for the property: _____

The current data indicates the system is fully functional and substantially suitable for its current use: Yes No

_____	_____
Environmental Health Services Director	Date

Contractor Listing

Septic Inspector License

Business Name

A & R Wastewater Management

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Ben Pion
55910 CURRANT RD
Mishawaka, IN 46545
Phone (574)674-5779 Fax (574)262-5241

George Schults
55910 CURRANT
Mishawaka, IN 46545
Phone (574)674-5779 Fax (574)262-5241

A & R Wastewater Mgmt

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Josh Wise
55910 CURRANT RD
Mishawaka, IN 46545
Phone (574)674-5779 Fax (574)262-5241

A.L.L. Soil Consulting, LLC

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Shane Lee McBurnett
1123 N 400 West
Rochester, IN 46975
Phone (574)930-0518 Fax ()

ABC Excavating

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Troy Allard
15440 County Road 4
Bristol, IN 46507
Phone (574)202-7485 Fax (574)848-4497

Abe's Plumbing

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Sean Campbell
226 ELDER
Mishawaka, IN 46544
Phone (574)259-4534 Fax (574)257-0992

Bob Jonas
226 ELDER ST
Mishawaka, IN 46544
Phone (574)259-4534 Fax (574)257-0992

Akins Excavating, Inc

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Brandon Arseneau
54095 County Road 39
Middlebury, IN 46540
Phone (574)825-5941 Fax (574)825-9534

ASAP Poop Co., LLC

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Scott Robertson
4120 COTTAGE
Mishawaka, IN 46544
Phone (574)292-1059 Fax (574)703-7814

Clemons Backhoe Service

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name

Address

Ronald Clemons
69281 OAK RD
Lakeville, IN 46536
Phone (574)784-2888 Fax (574)784-2888

Cowsert Jr Septic

Septic Inspector License

Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Mickie D Cowsert	51783 ASH Granger, IN 46530	(574)674-2951	(574)674-2951
Creed Septic System Specialists Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
John Creed	14326 US 6 Plymouth, IN 46563	(574)784-2942	(574)784-2409
Chad Bishop	14326 US 6 Plymouth, IN 46563	(574)784-2942	(574)784-2409
Dig-It-Excavating, Inc / DBA Pump That Septic Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
	56450 Penn Road Cassopolis, MI 49031	(269)445-7777	(269)592-6000
Elf Excavating, LLC Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Eric M Frye	20140 JANE South Bend, IN 46637	(574)261-0508	(269)687-2862
Firefly Home Inspection Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Jay Brian Ingle	59590 HAZEL South Bend, IN 46614	(574)339-0974	()
Guardian Septic Inspections Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Lawrence Rucker	26805 Fields Farm Trail Elkhart, IN 46514	(574)266-0079	(574)226-0124
Paul Casselman	26805 Fields Farm Trail Elkhart, IN 46514	(574)202-7407	(574)226-0124
Horvath & Associates, Inc Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Tim A Horvath	30241 US 12 Niles, MI 49120	(269)663-5435	(269)663-5436
Todd Horvath	30241 US 12 Niles, MI 49120	(269)663-2066	(269)663-5436
Huff's Septic & Sewer, Inc Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Gairrett Sharpe	12700 3A Road Plymouth, IN 46563	(574)784-8503	(574)784-2723
Greg I Huff	12700 3A Road Plymouth, IN 46563	(574)784-8503	(574)784-2723
Hunts Septic Tank Service Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name	Address	Phone	Fax
Brian S Colson	3027 Detroit Road Niles, MI 49120	(269)683-4757	(269)683-1390
Jerry Reed Excavating Septic Inspector License			

Applicant Name Jerry Reed	Address 15401 NEW	Phone (574)298-1361	Fax (574)633-0722
John Ward Concrete, Inc Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name John T Ward	Address 1617 3rd Street	Phone (574)674-6285	Fax (574)329-5181
K-Fex, Inc Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Lori VanWanzele	Address 5885 N 800 E	Phone (574)654-3754	Fax (574)654-8541
Applicant Name Robert Pickett	Address 5885 N 800 E	Phone (574)654-3754	Fax (574)654-8541
Applicant Name Kevin Pickett	Address 5885 N 800 E	Phone (574)654-3754	Fax (574)654-8541
Lewis Septic, Inc. Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Greg Amor	Address 2079 E 1000 N	Phone (219)778-4287	Fax (219)778-9143
Northwest Excavating Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Wilbur S Miller	Address 69301 ASH	Phone (574)862-3135	Fax (574)862-4629
Save Septic Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Kevin D West	Address 51783 ASH	Phone (574)250-9378	Fax () -
Soil Solutions, Inc - Granger Office Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Tim Monaghan	Address P.O. Box 1091	Phone (800)947-2444	Fax () -
Southwest Sewer & Drain LLC Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Brent E Daus	Address 3238 Hloyt Street	Phone (269)228-0496	Fax () -
Sunset Septic & Excavating, Inc Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Jon A Houseknecht	Address P.O. Box 1488	Phone (219)778-8100	Fax (219)778-8020
Turnocks' Sales & Services, Inc. Septic Inspector License			
Applicant Name Ted E Turnock	Address 24120 STATE ROAD 2	Phone (574)289-0766	Fax (574)288-6346