



Disclaimer for Existing On-site Sewage Disposal System

To Our Valued Customers:

Development Services records indicate there may be an abandoned cesspool or septic tank on your property. There are inherent risks associated with building near or over these features. Cesspools or septic tanks may collapse, settle and/ or cause subsidence of the ground which may damage structures or otherwise result in hazardous conditions. It is your responsibility as the property owner to protect yourself and your property against the potential adverse effects these features may cause.

As the property owner, it is your responsibility to obtain a permit and properly decommission known and suspected cesspools and septic tanks on your property. A properly decommissioned cesspool or septic tank should be filled with ¾ inch minus gravel, angular pea gravel or masonry sand and be watered down or compacted in lifts. Common soil or dirt is not an approved fill material. If you encounter or determine that a cesspool or septic tank has not been properly decommissioned, you must obtain a permit and decommission it in accordance with the instructions below.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or other matters regarding onsite sewage disposal systems, you may contact the Site Development section at 503-823-6892.

Project or Permit Number _____

Project Address _____

I understand the above. I am the owner of the property or am authorized to act for the property owner(s)

Date _____ **Check one** Property Owner Other _____

Signature _____ **Name** _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Day Phone _____ **FAX** _____ **email** _____

OAR 340-71-185 Decommissioning of System Procedures:

1. Obtain a Decommissioning permit
2. Pump sewage out of system (as applicable)
3. Fill using suitable material after pumping to top, leaving material type exposed

Suitable Materials are:

- ¾" minus gravel or angular pea gravel (with fines) – compacted
- Masonry or playground sand fill in lifts of 1-5 ft and water down and/or tamp for proper settling and compaction
- Concrete slurry (if UIC or commercial property)

4. After system has been pumped and filled but not covered, call 503-823-7000 for inspection (IVR #842)
5. Provide copy of pump receipt at time of inspection
6. The system building sewer shall be permanently capped as applicable

THIS IS NOT A WAIVER

Information is subject to change.