

Inspections

If you are selling or refinancing your home, the lender will often require a septic system inspection. Godlove Enterprises, INC performs an open tank test to give a professional opinion about the septic system. We also perform a dye test when applicable. On your report you will learn tank location, condition, estimated capacity and distance from water well, we will also render our expert opinion of the overall system performance. To obtain a copy of the septic inspection order form [click here](#). Just print it off, fill it out, and fax it into us using the contact information found on the top of the form.

Conventional septic tank/soil absorption systems are the most common type of onsite systems serving individual homes. It is in homeowners' best interests to have their septic systems inspected regularly. Inspections not only protect systems, but also the health of family, neighbors, and entire communities. Malfunctioning onsite systems can contaminate nearby wells and public drinking water sources, and they can pollute local rivers and lakes contaminating and killing aquatic life. Homeowners can be held liable for problems and nuisances associated with failing systems. Regular inspections are needed to uncover problems before they threaten public health and environment.

It is not unusual for lending institutions to require that onsite system inspection be performed with a given time of the sale or transfer of property. For their own protection, consumers should insist on a thorough system inspection before purchasing a home, whether or not it is required by the lending institution. Once the home is purchased, they should maintain detailed and up to date records for all system inspection and service visits.

Homeowners often need to have their systems inspected to obtain building permits for constructing home additions or adding new building to their property. An inspection determines whether the system will be affected by the new construction and if it will handle any potential changes in the amount of wastewater for extra rooms or occupants.

Inspections also may be required before making system repairs and other changes to property that can affect the system. Changes in use of a property, from seasonal to year round occupancy for from residential to commercial use.

Diagram

The Inspection

After the technician obtains general information from the homeowner about the system, such as location, type of system, any problems with system and pumping schedule, they will check your property for any signs of trouble or system failure. Warning signs include odors or areas where the ground is soggy or mushy. They will then locate the system, if a map isn't available. The inspector will dig the septic tank open to inspect the outlet baffle and water level. There should be a layer of scum on top in the tank. At this time the size of the tank and construction type will be determined. The inspector will then enter the house and flush the toilets and run water to check for backup and to dye test the system.