



STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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If our personnel must make a return visit because the septic has not been uncovered, please be advised that an additional \$30 fee plus mileage will be charged. Also, an \$20.00 fee will be charged for each and every resample of the water well.

TO: Homeowners

FROM: Environmental Health Division
Stark County Health Department

SUBJECT: Septic System Evaluation

An evaluation of your septic system has been requested. In order to complete this inspection, it will be necessary for the entire top of the septic tank to be exposed. The following is a step by step procedure for readying your system for inspection.

1. Locate the septic tank. It is usually just outside the bathroom, 10' to 12' from the house. Go to the basement or crawl space and determine which direction the soil pipe exits the house. By probing the yard with a stiff metal rod, the tank can often be located. Usually the top of the tank is fairly shallow, 12" to 24".
2. Uncover the septic tank. The inlet and outlet lids must be uncovered and removed. *(See illustration #1) If the tank is an older model, the clean-out manhole must be removed. *(See illustration #2) If your septic tank does not have any portholes or manholes, please call the Henry County Health Department for further guidance. When uncovering the septic tank, it is usually easier to remove all the dirt from the top. **DO NOT PUMP THE TANK BEFORE THE EVALUATION.**
3. Contact the Health Department. Once the tank is ready, it will be necessary for someone to telephone this office to set up the evaluation date. If a potable water sample is to be taken the same day, it will have to be Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Someone should be present to give Health Department personnel access into the house.

If there are any questions, please contact this office.

*(See below for Illustrations)

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Illustration 1.

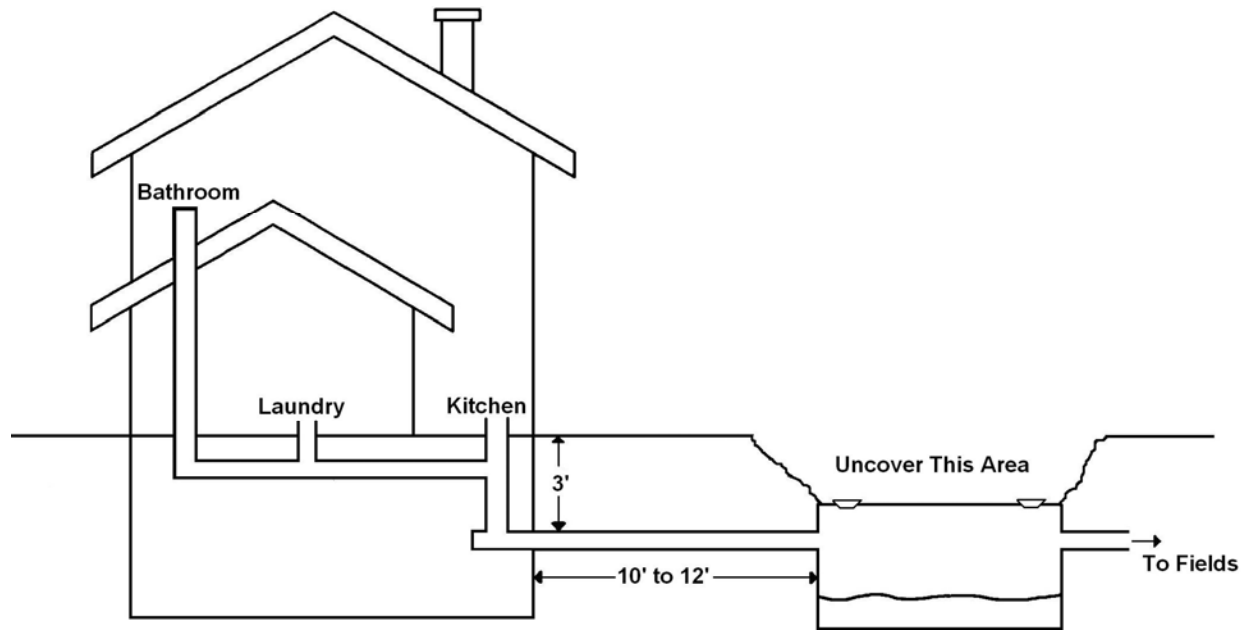
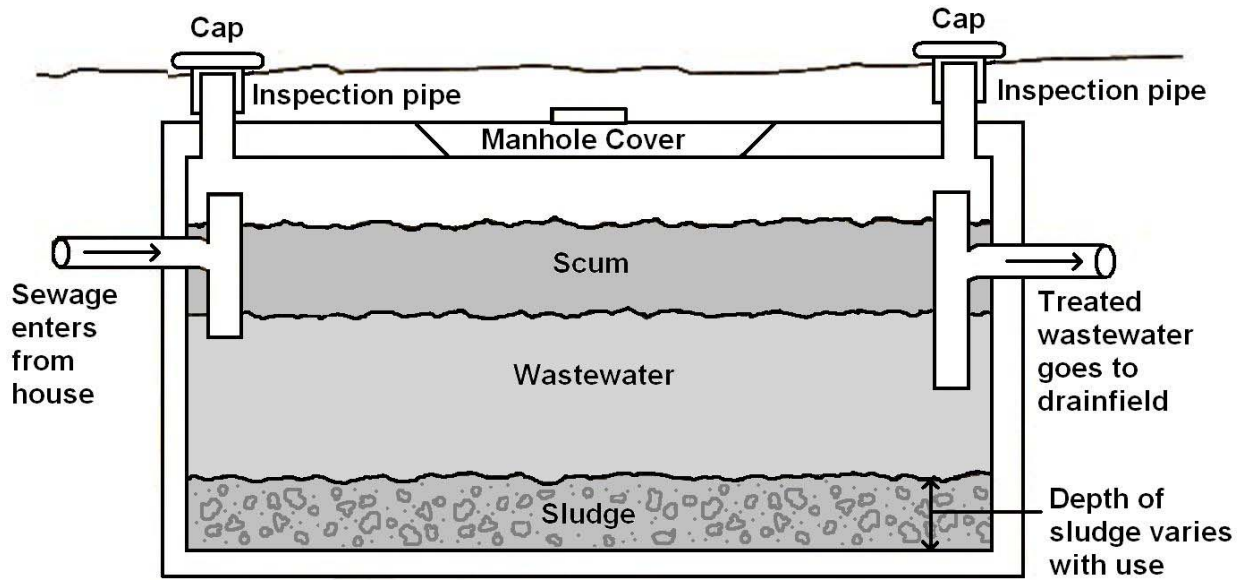


Illustration 2.



Schematic of a Septic Tank