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### Septic System Installation and Inspection Program

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<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response</a>)</p> <p><b>MCM Drill</b></p>	<p><b>Program Goal and Overview:</b></p> <p>This program's goal is to minimize potential health hazards and protect surface and ground water by ensuring that septic systems located within Cayuga County operate satisfactorily.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response/MCM-Drill">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response/MCM-Drill</a>)</p> <p><b>Available Programs</b></p>	<p>This program provides services in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforces the Cayuga County Sanitary Code that requires that all septic systems be inspected periodically and at the time of a property transfer.</li> <li>• Reviews plans for new and modified/repaired septic systems proposals.</li> <li>• Investigates complaints related to septic systems.</li> </ul>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs</a>)</p> <p><b>Cancer Services Program</b></p>	<p>Community Health Assistance to septic systems installers and designers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a list of registered septic system installers and septic tank pumpers.</li> <li>• Answers questions from the public regarding septic system operation and maintenance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Instructions for a routine inspection</b></p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Cancer-Services-Program">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Cancer-Services-Program</a>)</p> <p><b>Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention</b></p>	<p>1. Hire a Cayuga County certified inspector to do an inspection of the septic system. A list of certified installers is available near the bottom of this page.</p> <p>2. As part of the inspection, the inspector will add dye to some of your fixtures, such as your toilet, and run 20 gallons of water per bedroom with a maximum of 100 gallons.</p> <p>3. Once the inspection is completed, the inspector will turn the paperwork into the Health Department.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Childhood-Lead-Poisoning-Prevention">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Childhood-Lead-Poisoning-Prevention</a>)</p> <p><b>Communicable Disease Control</b></p>	<p>4. If the septic system fails the inspection, the system owner will be required to correct the violation.</p> <p><b>Instructions for a property transfer inspection</b> - prior to all property transfers in Cayuga County, the Sanitary Code requires that the septic system be inspected and the septic tank pumped. The septic system should be inspected prior to the pumping of the tank. If the tank is pumped first, it will be necessary to wait 30 days before the septic system can be inspected. <b>Note:</b> If you are due for a routine sanitary code inspection, but plan on selling your home soon, you may want to consider getting the property transfer inspection done instead of the routine inspection. The property transfer inspection is valid for one year and would count for the routine inspection.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Communicable-Disease-Control">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Communicable-Disease-Control</a>)</p> <p><b>Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work &amp; Play</b></p>	<p>1. Hire a Cayuga County certified inspector to inspect your septic system. A list of certified installers is available near the bottom of this page.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://modelhealthychoices.com/">http://modelhealthychoices.com/</a>)</p> <p><b>Emergency Preparedness and Response</b></p>	<p>2. As part of the inspection, the inspector will add dye to some of your fixtures, such as your toilet, and run 55 gallons of water per bedroom, if the home is currently occupied. If the home is not occupied, 110 gallons of water per bedroom over a period of three days will be added.</p> <p>3. Once the inspection is completed, the inspector will turn the paperwork into the Health Department.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Emergency-Preparedness-and-Response</a>)</p> <p><b>Immunization Program and Clinics</b></p>	<p>4. As part of a property transfer, it is also necessary that the septic tank be pumped and a "Waste Transporter Certification" form be turned into the Health Department. A list of certified Waste Haulers is available near the bottom of this page..</p> <p>5. If the septic system fails the inspection, the system owner will be required to correct the violation.</p> <p>6. If the septic system passes the inspection and proof that the tank has been pumped is submitted to the Health Department, a discharge permit will be issued.</p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics</a>)</p> <p><b>HPV</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>
<p>(<a href="http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/HPV">http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/HPV</a>)</p> <p><b>Tdap</b></p>	<p><b>Documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New System Instructions</li> </ul>

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/TDAP>)

**Babies**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/Babies>)

**School-Aged**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/School-Aged>)

**Adults**

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**Young-Adults**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Immunization-Program-and-Clinics/Young-Adults>)

**Injury Prevention - Governor's Traffic Safety Grant**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Injury-Prevention-Governors-Traffic-Safety-Grant>)

**Oral Health**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Oral-Health>)

**Prenatal Maternal & Child Health Programs**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/Prenatal-Maternal-Child-Health-Programs>)

**STD/HIV**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/STD-HIV>)

**WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Supplemental Food**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-Programs/WIC-Women-Infants-and-Children-Supplemental-Food>)

**Children with Special Healthcare Needs Parent Ques**

- ([/Portals/0/environmental/sds%20New%20System%20Instructions.pdf?ver=2016-06-08-150541-137](#)) (.pdf) - *updated June 7, 2016*
- Modified System Instructions ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Modified%20System%20Instructions.pdf?ver=2017-05-05-112224-030](#)) (.pdf) - *updated May 3, 2017*
- Installing a new septic system within an approved subdivision ([/Portals/0/environmental/New%20System%20Instructions%20Subdivision.pdf](#)) (.pdf)

## Lists:

- Certified Inspectors List ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Certified%20Inspectors%20List.pdf?ver=2017-05-05-111730-577](#)) (.pdf) - *updated May 2017*
- Septic Tank Pumper List ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Septic%20Tank%20Pumper%20List.pdf?ver=2017-05-05-112015-017](#)) (.pdf) - *updated May 2017*
- Design Professionals List ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Design%20Professionals%20List.pdf?ver=2017-05-05-112430-923](#)) (.pdf) - It **is not** required to use someone from this list. You may use any New York State Professional Engineer or Registered Architect. - *updated May 2017*
- Contractors List ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Contractor%20List.pdf?ver=2017-05-05-111427-837](#)) (.pdf) - It **is** required that you either install the system yourself or use one of these contractors. - *updated May 2017*

## Applications:

- Application for New Construction ([/Portals/0/HealthWellness/sds%20New%20System%20Application%20jan%202018.pdf](#)) (.pdf) - *updated Jan 2018*
- Application for Modifications ([/Portals/0/environmental/2016%20MOD%20Form.pdf?ver=2017-02-08-145636-640](#)) (.pdf) - *updated April 2016*
- Application to install a Septic Tank ([/Portals/0/environmental/2016%20Septic%20Tank%20Installation%20Form.pdf?ver=2017-02-08-145754-050](#)) (.pdf) - *updated August 2014*
- Application to install a Holding Tank ([/Portals/0/environmental/2016%20Holding%20Tank%20Installation%20Form.pdf?ver=2017-02-08-145905-153](#)) (.pdf) - *updated March 2015*
- Application for a Business Permit ([/Portals/0/environmental/Application%20for%20Business%20Permt.pdf](#)) (.pdf) - *updated Mar 2017*
- Application for an Inspection Voucher ([/Portals/0/environmental/voucherprogram.pdf](#)) (.pdf) - If you feel you are not able to hire an inspector or to perform a routine inspection of your septic system due to financial reasons, you may request a voucher.
- Application for a variance ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Variance%20Request%20Form.pdf?ver=2017-04-20-150705-000](#)) (.pdf) - You are that to comply with requirements of the Cayuga County Sanitary Code would cause an undue hardship, you may request a variance from the Code requirements. Must also fill out an affidavit. - *updated April 2017*
- Affidavit ([/Portals/0/environmental/2017%20Affidavit.pdf?ver=2017-04-28-095556-427](#)) (.pdf) - Must be filled out with a variance request and signed in front of a notary public.

## Design Information

- Application for a Specific Waiver ([/Portals/0/environmental/doh-4346.pdf](#)) (.pdf) - *updated Aug 2010*
- Septic System Design Standards - Appendix 75A ([http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/nycrr/title\\_10/part\\_75/appendix\\_75-a.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/nycrr/title_10/part_75/appendix_75-a.htm))
- Design Handbook ([/Portals/0/environmental/Design%20Handbook10\\_24\\_2012.pdf](#)) (.pdf) -

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fileticket=bLvm6uH43KU%3d&tabid=364&portalid=0)

updated 2012

- Review Checklist for Plans (/Portals/0/environmental/review\_checklist\_jan\_2013.pdf) (.pdf) - updated Jan 2013

updated Jan 2013

### Early Intervention

- EPA's Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual (.pdf) - updated Feb 2002

- DEC Design Standards (http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water\_pdf/2014designstd.pdf) (.pdf) - updated March 2014

updated March 2014

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-

Programs/Early-

Intervention)

### Child Find Program

## Inspection Forms:

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-

Programs/Child-Find-

Program)

- Septic Inspection Form (/Portals/0/environmental/Septic%20Inspection%20Form%202018.pdf) (.pdf) - updated Mar 2018

- Septic Inspection Protocol (/Portals/0/environmental/Septic%20Protocol%202018%20final.pdf) (.pdf) - updated Mar 2018

### Preschool Special

### Education Program

## More Information:

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-

Programs/Preschool-Special-

Education-Program)

- DoH - Septic Systems operation and maintenance

(http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/septic/) [brochure

(http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3208.pdf) (.pdf)]

- Cornell Cooperative Extension - Septic Systems (http://waterquality.cce.cornell.edu/septic.htm)

- Cayuga County Sanitary Code

(/Portals/0/environmental/cayuga\_county\_sanitary\_code\_2014.pdf) (.pdf)

- Owasco Watershed Network (http://owascalake.org/)

- Septic System Information (http://gis.cayugacounty.us/envhealth/s2.html?app=apps2/septic)

- Real Property Services - Image Mate (http://imate.cayugacounty.us/IMO/index.aspx)

- Cayuga County GIS (http://gis.cayugacounty.us/flexviewers/CCrpv/)

- Septic Locator (/Portals/0/environmental/Septic%20System%20Record%20Locator.pdf)

### Risk Communications

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Available-

Programs/Risk-

Communications)

### Environmental Health

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

Health)

### HNP

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

Health/HNP)

### Hydrilla

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

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### Sampling Results

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

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### Campgrounds

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

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### Children's Camps

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

Health/Childrens-Camps)

### Tobacco Laws and

### Information

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

Health/Tobacco-Laws-and-

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### Food Service

### Establishments

(http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-

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Establishments)

**Mobile Home Parks**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Mobile-Home-Parks>)

**Public Water Supplies**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Public-Water-Supplies>)

**Rabies and Animal Bites**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Rabies-and-Animal-Bites>)

**Residential Lead  
Assessment**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Residential-Lead-Assessment>)

**Realty Subdivision  
Review**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Realty-Subdivision-Review>)

**Septic System  
Installation and  
Inspection**

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**Swimming Pools and  
Bathing Beaches**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Swimming-Pools-and-Bathing-Beaches>)

**Tanning Facilities**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Tanning-Facilities>)

**Temporary Residences  
(Hotels and Motels)**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Temporary-Residences-Hotels-and-Motels>)

**Useful Information**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Useful-Information>)

**Nuisance**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Nuisance>)

**Breastfeeding Workshop**  
**- Aug 10, 2016**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Breastfeeding-Workshop>)

**Children with Special Health Care Needs**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Children-with-Special-Health-Care-Needs>)

**Historian**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Historian>)

**Mental Health**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Mental-Health>)

**Office for the Aging**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Office-for-the-Aging>)

**Other County Sites**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Other-County-Sites>)

**Parks and Trails**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Parks-and-Trails>)

**Sheriff's Office**

(<http://cayugasheriff.com>)

**Social Services**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Social-Services>)

**Towns and Villages**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/towns>)

**Youth Bureau**

(<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Youth-Bureau>)

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