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### **ABANDONING SEPTIC TANKS AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

After a house has been connected to sanitary sewer, any septic tanks, pretreatment units, or dosing chambers that remain in the ground could pose a safety hazard. Therefore, they must be properly abandoned. The abandonment must take place when the building sewer is installed. The job cannot be approved until all septic components are abandoned, inspected and approved according to Ohio Sewage Rules.

Before beginning septic tank abandonment, obtain a Sewage Treatment System (STS) Abandonment Permit/Report from our office. The top part of this form is filled out at the time of purchase. A copy will be made; the bottom portion of the copy will be filled out as the job is completed.

Have the septic tank and any other components pumped out first by a registered septage hauler. Any solid materials (such as filter media) or any other STS components that will not be left in place, must be taken to an approved solid waste disposal facility.

With a backhoe or similar equipment, crush the top of the septic tank and at least one side to prevent containment of water in the abandoned tank. The pieces of the lid and side may be pushed into the septic tank. Fill the tank with clean fill materials such as sand, pea gravel, or similar material. Take care to fill the tank slowly, forcing any remaining liquid out into the leach field. Leave extra fill material piled a little higher than the surrounding grade to compensate for settling.

Submit the completed Abandonment Report to this office, along with a copy of the Pumping Report completed by the registered septage hauler. Once these documents are received, a sanitarian will schedule an inspection of the site to determine if any corrections are needed.

Call 937-374-5607 or email [ehpermits@gcph.info](mailto:ehpermits@gcph.info) with any questions.