

Village of Pittsburg

Interior Plumbing Inspection, Sewer Hook up, & Septic Tank Abandonment

All homes and businesses within the Village of Pittsburg must comply with Section 3701-29-07(G)(3) of the Darke County Health District Home Sewage Treatment Rules (HSTS), which is stated as follows:

“Whenever a sanitary sewage system becomes accessible to a dwelling or structure served by an STS, the dwelling and/or structures shall be connected to the sanitary sewage system and the STS abandoned in accordance with rule 3701-29-17”.

All homes and businesses must comply with the above regulation within three months after availability. *Permit Applications may be obtained at the Darke County Health Department. The 2009 Permit Fee will be \$100.00. Contractors performing work must be registered and bonded with the Darke County Health Department.*

An interior plumbing inspection will be required to make sure that all sanitary drains are connected into the sanitary system and make sure other drains from sump pumps, storm drainage, etc., are not connected into the sanitary system.

To schedule an inspection, call the Darke County Health Department, (937) 548-4196 ext.209.

The sanitary lateral from the property line to the house must be installed at the same time the tank is abandoned. Specifications for the sanitary lateral are as follows:

- A. Piping shall be Schedule 40 PVC
- B. Bedded in 4” of gravel and covered with 6” of gravel. Gravel is to be pea gravel or #57.
- C. Single family dwellings require a 4” house line with a minimum of 1% grade
- D. Three family and above dwellings and businesses require a 6” commercial line with a minimum .6% grade.
- E. All laterals must have a test tee at the property line and a cleanout located within 5 feet from the building. Sanitary lateral must be inspected and a 5-psi air test must hold for 15 minutes.

The septic tank must be properly abandoned as specified in section 3701-29-17 of the HSTS rules. The top of the septic tank must be collapsed and the tank filled with gravel or dirt. If the tank is located under a structure (garage, porch, etc.), the homeowner should contact the health department. The septic tank may not need to be collapsed, but it will still need to be filled and properly abandoned. This decision will be made by the Plumbing Inspector and the Health Commissioner on a house by house basis.

Prior to collapsing the tank, a scavenger registered with the Darke County Health Department must pump the septic tank. The septic waste must be disposed of according to all rules and regulations established by the Darke County Health Department. The homeowner must show a copy of the receipt from the scavenger that pumped the tank.

Once finalized, the Darke County Health Department will send a copy of each permit to the Village of Pittsburg for their records.