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217-839-1526 – Medical/Behavioral
217-839-1538 - FAX
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Morgan Street Clinic
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217-854-3692 – Medical/Behavioral
217-930-2293 – FAX
217-854-6823 – Dental

Private Sewage Disposal FAQs

What do I need to have for a new private sewage disposal system installed?

- A soil analysis, conducted by a licensed soil classifier, is required for **ALL** private sewage disposal systems. A list of licensed soil classifiers is provided below. The soil analysis is used to determine the limiting layer, seasonal high water table, soil composition, and loading rate of the soil. All these factors are considered when determining which private sewage disposal system will be most efficient for your home. Once the soil analysis report is completed, this will need to be sent to dtiburzi@mcphd.net for review to determine what systems can be installed on the property that meet the minimum standards defined by the Macoupin County Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance and the Illinois Private Sewage Disposal Code. Options will be provided to the Homeowner/Licensed Private Sewage Disposal Installation Contractor.

List of Soil Classifiers:

Paul E. Brown
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Chuck J. Frazee
217-628-3518
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Douglas B Gaines (Worden, IL)
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217-532-6887
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217-625-7603

Scott Wegman
573-541-7645
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Gerald Berning (Alton, IL)
618-977-7481

Is a permit required and what is the fee?

- A permit is required for all **new install** and **repair** private sewage disposal systems. The fee for the permit is \$300.00.

Who can install a private sewage disposal system?

- A private sewage disposal system can be installed by a **licensed IDPH Private Sewage Disposal Installation Contractor** or by the **homeowner** of the property (homeowner must be the one operating all equipment and taking sole liability and responsibility for the installation). We strongly encourage the system to be installed by a licensed Private Sewage Disposal Installation Contractor because this is what they do everyday and are knowledgeable about private sewage disposal systems. It is a lot easier to do it right the first time, instead of constantly having issues with proper sewage disposal!

Is an inspection required for my private sewage disposal system install/repair?

- Yes, all private sewage disposal installs must be inspected by the Macoupin County Public Health Department's Environmental Division. The inspection shall take place during one or more of the following steps:
 - o when setting the tank
 - o when installing a chamber field or lateral field

- when plumbing the system from the tank to the lateral field
- **BEFORE THE SYSTEM IS BACKFILLED IS THE MOST IMPORTANT!!!! – If you backfill and cover the system before it is inspected, you will be required to uncover it!! This is noted in bold letters on the top of the permit. DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, IT'S A LOT EASIER!!**

Who do I contact regarding obtaining a permit for a private sewage disposal system, requesting an inspection, or if I have any additional questions?

- **Derrek Tiburzi**

- Office Address: 112 S. Macoupin St., Gillespie, IL 62033
- Office Phone: 217-839-4111
- Cell Phone: 217-710-9113
- Email: dtiburzi@mcphd.net

- **Kristen Swaney**

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What happens if I forgot to call the Health Department about my private sewage disposal installation or if I didn't notify them about the installation?

- People talk and we get postcards for the notification of septic tank sales so we will eventually find out. **IT IS A LOT EASIER TO DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!!!**
- Directly from the Macoupin County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance:
 - 7.6 An individual sewage disposal system which has been installed by a home owner for his personal residence shall not be covered or placed in operation until the said installation shall have been inspected and written approval of the said system shall have been issued by the Health Department.
 - 7.7 If any home owner who installs his own private sewage disposal system shall backfill any portion of the said system and/or cover the same with earth, cinders, gravel, shale, or any other material which will prevent the same from being readily viewed to determine if the said system meets all requirements of the Ordinance before receipt of written approval by the Health Department, the Health Department may give fifteen (15) days notice in writing to such home owner so violating the provision of the Ordinance, to uncover such backfilled or covered portions of the system.
 - 7.8 If, at the end of such fifteen (15) days, the home owner shall not have uncovered the individual sewage disposal system, the permit is automatically invalidated and penalty action may be taken. The Health Authority may elect to have the system uncovered at the expense of the home owner. Failure of the home owner to pay such costs within thirty (30) days shall result in execution of a lien against the property.

Our goal is to help you and to be a resource for the members of Macoupin County. Lets all do our part to make Macoupin County better!