



## **HARRISON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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### **LIST OF SERVICES PROVIDED**

#### **1) Permitting and Inspection of all Septic Systems**

All new septic systems that are installed in Harrison County (except homeowners owning 10 or more acre properties) are reviewed and inspected before giving a notice of approval to operate to ensure that the system meets current specifications. Statewide regulation requiring permits for all septic systems put in the ground began in 1989. Permit fees are \$360.00 for a single family residence, and \$560.00 for all commercial and multifamily dwellings. Showing proof of a permit can be very helpful to a homeowner wishing to sell a property.

#### **2) Investigation of Environmental Complaints**

All sewage, grey water, & bad odor complaints can be submitted to our office. No charges are assessed. If a complaint is found to be valid, a 30 day notice will be given to the property owner to eliminate the nuisance. If not eliminated, the complaint will be filed as a class c misdemeanor at the appropriate justice of the peace court for prosecution through the county district attorney's office. A charge up to \$500 may be assessed for each day the violation exists. Our office does receive **grant money** from time to time to assist qualifying homeowners to repair failing septic systems.

#### **3) Homeowner Aerobic Maintenance Course**

This course is offered every three months to train and certify homeowners who wish to maintain their own aerobic systems. The class is held at the TSTC college campus in Marshall from 1-5 P.M. A one time cost of \$125.00 is required to take the course. Otherwise, homeowners are required to hire a maintenance provider annually (average \$200 per year). Course materials provided include a course manual, a manufacturer manual for the specific brand of aerobic system the homeowner owns, a contract, and three inspection reports that the homeowner will turn in every year.

#### **4) Subdivision/Development Plan Review**

All residential and commercial subdivision/development plans must be submitted to our office for approval before applying for septic system permits. Fee for a subdivision application is \$50.00. This review checks floodplain sites, well locations, drainage plans, size of sewage disposal areas, street locations and overall size of the land to ensure all meet state specific guidelines before construction begins.

#### **5) Maintenance Contracts & Inspection Reports**

Our department oversees that all aerobic systems maintain an on -going maintenance contract and turn in the required inspection reports every four months. We have an annual maintenance –processing fee of \$10.00 per contract. This service is needed if a homeowner is to know if the maintenance company they hired is performing their job according to the signed contract.