



Septic System Inspection Instructions

Instructions for a Routine Inspection:

- Hire a Seneca County certified inspector to do an inspection of the septic system.
- 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.
- Once the inspection is completed, the inspector will turn the paperwork into the Health Department.
- If the septic system fails the inspection, the system owner will be required to repair the septic system.

Instructions for a Property Transfer Inspection:

Prior to all property transfers in Seneca County, Seneca County Local Law #7 of 2021 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.

Note: If you are due for a routine 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.

- Hire a Seneca County certified inspector to do an inspection of the septic system.
- As part of the inspection, if the home is currently occupied, 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 not occupied, 110 gallons of water per bedroom over a 6 hour period will be added.
- Once the inspection is completed, the inspector will turn the paperwork into the Health Department.
- As part of a property transfer, it is also necessary that the septic tank be pumped and proof of tank pumping be submitted the Health Department.
- If the septic system fails the inspection, the system owner will be required to repair or modify the septic system.
- 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.

