

## Septic/Water Guidelines for Genesee County

It is not a law in Genesee County, that the Health Dept. perform a drinking water and/or sewage inspection on a property transfer. This office does them by written request only, which may be requested by any person. The Health Department fully supports this program, as it may save the prospective buyers from unexpected expenses. Check with your attorney to see if inspections are necessary.

Under Genesee County's protocols, the water supply needs to be from a drilled well, casing extended above the ground, located greater than 50 feet from the septic tank and greater than 100 feet from the leach field. As always there are exceptions.

The potability test is a positive or negative result for coliform bacteria. Water test results will be known within 3-4 days.

To prepare your septic system for inspection, you are responsible for the following:

- 1- Septic tank must be pumped out, unless done so within the last 12 months and provide us with a copy of the receipt.
- 2- Distribution box must be uncovered.
- 3- Uncover the end of any two (2) leach lines so the end of the pipe and some of the stone underneath it is exposed.

**Please note:** call this office prior to uncovering, as steps 2 & 3 may be modified depending on age, type, and if we have a record of it in our files and/or permit system.

After the sewage system has been uncovered, call our office (344-2580) to set up an appointment to have the water sampled and sewage disposal system inspected.

### Fees

The fees for these services are as follows: \$150.00 for sewage inspection and \$75.00 for the basic water sample. For any enhancements please see attached price list. Please make check payable to the Genesee County Health Department and send it along with your request to:

Genesee County Health Department  
Environmental Division  
3837 West Main Street Road  
Batavia, NY 14020