If you have further questions concerning private sewage disposal systems please contact the Monroe County Sanitation Dept. at the address and phone numbers on the front of this pamphlet.

The Sanitation Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Do I need a private sewage disposal system?

If you live in an area of Monroe County that is not served by a public sewage disposal plant you need a private sewage disposal system to service a dwelling, business, etc. which has running water.

What type of private sewage disposal is available?

Several types are in use in Monroe County. These include: conventional trench/bed; mound, at grade, in ground pressure, and holding tank. A soil and site evaluation will determine what type of system is best for your site.

Do I need a sanitary permit?

You need a sanitary permit to: install a new system, repair, replace or reconnect an existing system or install a privy.

This applies to all of Monroe County.

I’m building a new home. What should I do?

Contact a Wisconsin Certified Soil Tester to conduct a soil evaluation at your building site. A list of certified testers from this area is available from the Sanitation Office. Your tester will file a copy of the test results with the Sanitation Office.

The Sanitation Officer conducts a county site evaluation and provides you with a report stating if the county approves the site for a sanitary permit. Fee for county evaluation is $150.00

Your plumber will use these evaluations to lay out your system. State approval is required for some systems. You plumber will apply to the State for that approval.

Your plumber must apply to the county for a sanitary permit before the system is installed. Permit fees are $350 or $500 depending on the system.

Your plumber should notify the Sanitation Office 2 working days prior to installing the system. The Sanitation Officer will inspect the installation for compliance to code.

I live in a rural area and my system needs repair or replacing. What should I do?

If you are unsure contact a plumber who can inspect your system and advise if it can be repaired or needs replacement.

If you are replacing your system follow the same procedure outlined for a new home.

What is the Wisconsin Fund?

A failing system may be eligible for a Wisconsin Fund Grant if you meet certain conditions. Ask the Sanitation Office for further information on this program.

What is the maintenance program?

Under State law all septic systems, regardless of age, shall be inspected on a 3 year maintenance cycle. The Sanitation Office will send you a notice and inspection form every 3 yrs. to have your system inspected and pumped if necessary. The form must be signed by the inspector and returned to the Sanitation Office.

Holding tanks must be pumped when needed and an annual report on the pumping filed at the Sanitation Office.