

The Jefferson County Sewage Association was formed in 1999. Currently there are 24 member Townships and Boroughs. The Association has been delegated by these members to enforce the PA Sewage Facilities Act in their municipality.

For More Information:

Jefferson County Sewage Association
1514 Route 28 (In front of Co. Fairgrounds)
Brookville, PA 15825
(814)849-2172

How to Get A Sewage Permit

- 1) Call the JCSA at 814-849-2172 to discuss your specific needs.
- 2) Complete the Permit Application supplied by the SEO.
- 3) Contract an experienced backhoe operator to do the soil probe.
- 4) Schedule time for SEO to complete perc testing.
- 5) Contact a consultant to design your system.
- 6) Submit all your information to the SEO for approval.

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Information

for installing

a sewage system

Protect Your Drinking Water



An improperly designed/installed system or a malfunctioning system can contaminate the groundwater and get into your spring or well.

Steps to Install A Sewage System

1) Soil Probes

A Soil Probe is the first step to getting a Sewage Permit to install an on-lot septic system. This is done with a backhoe. You, the SEO and the backhoe operator will meet at the property site to do the soil probe. The probe determines what type of system your particular soil will allow.

2) Perc Testing

If the Soil Probe indicates that the soil is adequate for a septic system, perc testing is completed by the SEO. You will then need to dig six holes (depth to be determined by SEO). You are responsible to provide 50 gallons of water in an open container at the perc site. The time it takes the water to percolate through the soil will determine what size the system needs to be. The temperature must be 40+ degrees for the perc test to be conducted.

Protect Your Health

The presence of contaminants in wastewater is a direct threat to human health. Pathogens can cause a variety of illnesses.



3) System Design

Once the perc test is complete, the SEO will send you the results, along with information on how to get your system designed. A list of designers will be provided at your request. At this point, DEP approval is needed to install a system on your property. Upon DEP approval, submission of 3 copies of your design and a plot plan, the SEO can issue your permit.

4) Installation

Now you're ready to build your system. Be sure you hire a reputable, experienced contractor. If requested, a contractor's list will be provided. The SEO will need to do a final inspection before the system is covered to ensure it has been installed correctly.