

Common Questions and Answers

Question: How long does it take to get an appointment for an onsite?

Answer: Usually the Sanitarian can make an appointment 7-10 days in advance (depending on the Sanitarian's schedule)

Question: How much land is needed to build?

Answer: The answer varies depending upon soils and local township zoning requirements.

Question: How much road frontage is needed?

Answer: Check with your local township building inspector; road frontage may differ from township to township.

Question: What size septic tank and drainfield is needed?

Answer: Size of septic tank and drainfield is determined by type of soil, high water table, and number of bedrooms.

Question: How close can a septic tank, drainfield and well be to the lot line and to the house?

Answer: See Page 21 of **Lenawee County Environmental Health Code**.

Question: Can I, a homeowner, put in a septic system?

Answer: Homeowners (not relatives) can install a septic system when following the sewage construction criteria, however, a licensed Lenawee County sewage installer is encouraged. (See the **Onsite Sewage Disposal System Installers**).

Question: Why do I need a backhoe?

Answer: A backhoe is required to be onsite in order to excavate 3 holes (8 to 10' deep) to determine the type of soil. The type of soil and the number of bedrooms determines the size of the septic.