



CLEARVIEW

## Clearview Mandatory On-Site Sewage System Maintenance Inspections Guide

Keeping our drinking water safe is important to the Clearview Township.

The Ontario Building Code was amended through Ontario Regulation 315/10 to establish and govern mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs to be administered by municipalities in Ontario. To satisfy this requirement Clearview Township has implemented a septic re-inspection program.

### Who is affected?

To preserve our drinking water provincial law requires Clearview Township to re-inspect all properties that have a septic system located within 100 metres of a municipal well as identified by South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Water Protection Plan. The septic systems located within the 100 metres are considered to be a significant threat.

Septic systems that have been identified by the Source Water Protection Plan as significant threats are required to be inspected within 5 years of the Source Water Protection plans adoption, and then re-inspected every 5 years thereafter.

### What does it cost?

**There is no fee for the Phase I re-inspection of your septic system.** Clearview Township recognizes that the protection of our municipal drinking water is of benefit to the entire municipality and has chosen not to charge for the initial Phase I re-inspection.

A phase I re-inspection that confirms your septic system is functioning safely with no visible signs of malfunction will not be charged a fee.

Following the initial Phase I re-inspection visit, if an additional Phase II investigation is required, the property owner would be responsible for its costs. If upgrades to the existing septic system are required, the property owner would be responsible for those costs and any related permits. Additional Phase II inspections fees are **\$193.00** for septic repair or replacement fees are **\$695.00**.

### What Is a Phase I Inspection?

1. Determine location of all system components
2. Measurement of separation distances to key lot features.
3. Visual inspection of tank structure.
4. Visual inspection of the bed for obvious signs of failure.
5. Briefing or providing owner with information on proper system maintenance and operation.

**What is a Phase II inspection?**

1. A Phase II inspection is an inspection to undertake a more intensive follow-up maintenance inspection where:
2. The Phase I inspection has identified that the septic system is at risk of future malfunction or failure, or
3. The Phase I inspection detected a malfunction or failure, but did not review the reason (e.g., location or nature) of the malfunction or failure.

**How the re-inspection program works:**

1. A septic tank pump out report from a registered sewage hauler must be provided. (Note If you have had your tank pumped within the last year, a copy of the receipt and documentation on the system may be accepted.)
2. A building inspector will visit your property for an onsite visual inspection of your septic system.
3. The results of the inspection will be reported to you in writing by the building inspector.
4. An additional Phase II inspection may be required.
5. If the septic inspection shows that the system is in need of repairs, you will be required to take the necessary steps to render the septic system safe.

**Booking your re-inspection:**

Call (705)-428-6230 Ext. 232 to book your re-inspection appointment.

**Preparing for your Phase 1 re-inspection:**

1. Book your appointment.
2. Provide a drawing showing the location of your septic system to assist the building inspector to locate your septic components.

**Note:** Property owners do not need to be present for the initial Phase 1 re-inspection.

**Are there any funding grants?**

You may be eligible for these septic grants with in the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) jurisdiction:

1. Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (NVCA delivered, Ministry of Environment funded)
2. NVCA's Healthy Waters Program

Please contact NVCA, Tel 705-424-1479

**Any Questions?**

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**Office hours.**

Monday to Friday

8:30am – 4:30pm