

ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Environmental Health Services

APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANK ABANDONMENT

Date: _____

Property PIN: _____

Property Address: _____

Name of Owner: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Contractor: _____

Type of tank to be abandoned

- Septic
 Pump
 Both

Size of tank _____

- Type: Pre-cast
 Built-in-ground

I plan to abandon the tank myself

I will hire a contractor to abandon the tank

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

I have received the information packet for tank abandonment and have discussed abandonment procedures for my tank with Environmental Health staff. If I abandon the tank as the property owner, I accept responsibility for the proper abandonment and any corrective action that may be needed.

Signature of Property Owner

Sign and return completed form to:

Orange County Health Department
Environmental Health Services
P.O. Box 8181
131 W. Margaret Lane, Suite 100
Hillsborough, N C 27278

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SEPTIC TANK ABANDONMENT

Septic tanks that are no longer in use are a safety concern if they are not properly abandoned. Deterioration of tanks over time can pose a long-term hazard. For this reason, any septic tank that is no longer in use must be properly abandoned.

Any person who abandons a tank is responsible for meeting all conditions of the Orange County Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System Regulations as well as all requirements of the State Division of Environmental Health.

A permit must be issued by the Orange County Health Department before the tank abandonment begins.

The Orange County Health Department must be on site during tank abandonment process. Contact us at 919-245-2360 to schedule an appointment for inspection.

The following process, taken from the Orange County rules for wastewater systems, describes the proper method for abandonment of septic tanks:

“Any septic tank or pump tank that is not repairable or the use has been discontinued shall be permanently abandoned by the following method:

- (1) The entire tank contents shall be removed by a North Carolina-licensed septage pumper and disposed of in an approved manner, and;*
- (2) The top of the tank and at least one sidewall shall be collapsed into the tank or the tank shall be removed from the ground and disposed of in an approved manner, and;*
- (3) The pit shall be backfilled with soil that is free of roots, rubble, or other debris and shall be compacted so as to leave no underground voids.*

As an acceptable alternative to 2 and 3 above, the entire tank volume shall be filled with a concrete mixture with a 28 day compressive strength of at least 3000 psi.

If sewage or parts of the tank have come into contact with the ground surface, those areas shall be covered with hydrated lime.”

For more information, please contact the Orange County Health Department at 919-245-2360.