



Sewage Systems issued a National Pollution Discharge Permit -

Operation & Maintenance

1. An annual service contract with a registered service provider is required. Submit proof of the annual inspection to the health department with sixty days of the service.
2. Regular pumping
 - a. The operation and maintenance permit requires the system be pumped every eight years at a minimum.
 - b. Clean the effluent filter every six (6) months or annually at a minimum.
 - c. Avoid dumping/flushing fats, oils, greases, non-biodegradable products, bacterial additives, excessive cleaning supplies, etc. down toilets and drains.
3. The General Permit requires annual diagnostic testing of the effluent. System owners are responsible for ensuring that a sample is collected and reported to the local health district. Samples must be collected and tested annually for:
 - a. Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
 - b. Ammonia (summer or winter limits--depending on the time of year sample is taken)
 - c. Five Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD)
 - d. Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
 - e. E. coli
 - f. Chlorine
4. Permit Transfer — If your property changes ownership, you must submit a General Permit Coverage Transfer form to Ohio EPA. Follow the instructions at this link:
<https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/permitting/discharging-household-sewage-treatment-systems-general-permits>