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## Septic Requirements FAQ

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Septic compliance reports or proof of new septic installation (dated within the last 10 years) are required for all construction projects requiring standard building permits.

- Compliance reports are completed at the expense of the homeowner.
- If you need a compliance report completed, please call a septic installer.
  - For existing systems in need of a compliance inspection, inspections will be completed by professionally trained and MPCA licensed Inspectors and or Designer I.
  - For systems identified as non-compliant, Becker Township will require upgrades.
    - If your septic system fails the compliance check you will be required to update your septic system within 18 months regardless of moving forward with your building permit application.
    - Compliance will be required immediately if an imminent health threat is defined by Chapter 7080.1500 Subp.4a.
- If you are unsure if a compliance report exists, you can call the Township (763-261-5301).
- A sewage treatment system not meeting the requirements must be upgraded, at a minimum, any time a permit or variance of any type is required for any improvement on, or use of, the property.

**Failed Septic compliance requires upgrades regardless of if your permit moves forward or not.**

### Valid Time Period of a Certificate of Compliance

A Certificate of Compliance is valid for the following periods of time:

- For property transfers the valid time period for a Certificate of Compliance for existing system is three (3) years, unless an imminent health threat is determined.
- Certificates of compliance for new construction or replacement system compliance inspections remain valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance, unless an imminent health threat is determined.
- For land use and building permits, the valid time period of a Certificate of Compliance will be 10 years.

### Who can I get to do a point of sale septic compliance inspection, pump/maintain my septic system or conduct a soil boring?

To search for local contacts, use the [MN Pollution Control Agency SSTS \(Subsurface Sewage Treatment System\) form](#). When prompted, fill in the county section (Sherburne).

In the "Specialty Area" section choose:

- Maintainer for pumping
- Designer for soil borings or SSTS design
- Inspector for compliance inspections for point of sale

No person, firm or corporation shall install, alter, repair, or extend any individual sewage disposal system in Becker Township without first obtaining a permit from the Zoning Administrator.