



## St. Joseph County Health Department

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury, and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

### Septic Contractor/Installer/Inspector Registration Requirements

To install septic systems or perform septic inspections in St. Joseph County, Indiana, you must fulfill the registration requirements specified in County Code 51 as follows:

**Contractor Registration** – This is for the registration of a business wishing to install septic systems. This is an annual requirement renewable by January 31st.

Submit:

- A Contractor Registration Application completed in its entirety with the registration fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars **(\$350)**.
- A surety bond in the amount appropriate for your registration category, made payable to the **St. Joseph County Health Department** with an expiration date of January 31st of the following year.
  - Category 1 - \$10,000 – Gravity Systems ONLY
  - Category 2 - \$20,000 – Pump Assisted (includes gravity)
- Installer License Application/s completed in their entirety with the applicable licensing fee for each eligible installer you want to license in your company. A Licensed Installer must be onsite at all times during septic installation, including cover. See licensing requirements below.

**Installer and/or Inspector Registration** - This is for licensing an individual to install and/or inspect septic systems.

Requirements:

- ❖ Submit an "Installer and/or Inspector Registration" application and the nonrefundable licensing fee:
  - Installer license only: One hundred twenty-five **(\$125)** dollars
  - Installer license with an inspector license: One hundred twenty-five **(\$125)** dollars
  - Inspector license only: One hundred fifty **(\$150)** dollars
- ❖ Must take and pass the appropriate open book test/s administered by the Health Department or be IOWPA certified for the applicable category (submit verification with application).
  - Category 1 – Gravity systems ONLY
  - Category 2 – Pump assisted (also includes gravity and septic inspection)
  - Category 3 – Septic Inspection only
- ❖ Testing certification is good for three (3) years.
- ❖ Only one licensing fee is required with each application.

Once the above information is submitted in its entirety, a Contractor Registration Certificate and/or appropriate license/s will be issued and the contractor or inspector may begin work in St. Joseph County, Indiana. All registrations expire on January 31st regardless of the date of registration. There is no pro-rating for registrations submitted throughout the year.

You may apply in our office or by mail. Our office accepts cash, business check, money order or cashiers check (made payable to the St. Joseph County Health Department). **We DO NOT accept personal checks.** Please include a **self-addressed stamped envelope along with the fee (no cash please) and application to register by mail.** Please allow five (5) business days for processing. Our office accepts payments from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (574) 235-9721, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.