



GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH

Promoting and Protecting Community Health

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On May 25, 2022, the Geauga County Board of Health voted to end the mandatory For Sale of Property Septic evaluation program and rescinded section 3701-29-25 of the Geauga County Household Sewage Treatment System regulations as of June 30, 2022.

What does this mean? The following is a list of Frequently Asked Questions:

I AM SELLING MY HOME. AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE THE EVALUATION DONE?

If your home transfers after 11:59 pm on June 30, 2022, the evaluation is not required.

THE TRANSFER DATE OF MY HOME WAS PRIOR JUNE 30, 2022. AM I REQUIRED TO HAVE THE EVALUATION DONE?

Yes, the regulation was still in effect on the date your home transferred.

I RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THAT I AM SCHEDULED FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BECAUSE THE EVALUATION WAS NOT DONE WHEN I PURCHASED MY HOME. AM I STILL REQUIRED TO HAVE THE INSPECTION DONE?

Yes, the regulation was in effect on the date your home transferred.

WILL GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH STILL OFFER THE FOR SALE OF PROPERTY EVALUATION AFTER JULY 1, 2022?

Yes, it will be offered upon request.

I PAID FOR THE EVALUATION, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN SCHEDULED. MY PROPERTY WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRING UNTIL AFTER JULY 1, 2022. CAN I GET A REFUND?

Yes, as long as our staff have not been to your property. You can request a refund form by contacting the office at 440-279-1914 x0 or send a request to ehservices@geaugacountyhealth.org. Please note: There is a \$30.00 processing fee for cancelling the service.

AFTER JULY 1, 2022, CAN I HIRE AN INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR TO EVALUATE MY SEPTIC SYSTEM?

Yes, however, they must be registered as a Service Provider with Geauga Public Health. A list of registered service providers is available on our website.

I AM CONCERNED THAT ENDING THIS PROGRAM WILL HURT THE ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE FAILING SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

We will continue to address sewage nuisance complaints. In addition, Geauga Public Health will be developing an Operation and Maintenance Program which is required by the Ohio Department of Health. This program will include operational and maintenance guidelines for all sewage systems.