

SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – HOMEOWNER SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM

Septic System Features	Higher Risk (H)	Lower Risk (L)	Indicate H or L
Can you locate your septic tank?	No	Yes	
Is the tank concrete, fiberglass, metal, or other?	Metal, Other	Concrete, Fiberglass	
Is there a clean out between the house and the septic tank?	No	Yes	
Can you locate your leach field?	No	Yes	
What is the distance from the septic system to surface waters? (irrigation ditches, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)	Less than 100 feet	More than 100 feet	
Does terrain slope towards or away from surface water?	Toward	Away	
What is the slope of the terrain?	Steep to moderate	Flat	
What are the soil types?	Gravelly or rocky soils that water runs easily through or very tight, clayey soils that water cannot penetrate	Medium textured soils that allow water infiltration	
What is the distance to any water wells?	Less than 100 feet	More than 100 feet	
Is the groundwater from any such well used for human drinking water?	Yes	No	
Depth to seasonal high groundwater?	Less than 6 feet	More than 6 feet	
What is the relationship between your septic tank size and the size of your household? To determine this relationship take the septic tank size in gallons (usually 1000, 1250 or 1500 gallon tanks) and divide that number by the number of bedrooms in your home. For example, if you have a 1000 gallons septic tank and 2 bedrooms in the house, the capacity would be 500 gallons per bedroom.	250 gallons or more per bedroom	Less than 250 gallons per bedroom	
Is an impermeable surface such as concrete, asphalt or brick located over the leach field?	Yes	No	
Are there heavy objects (e.g. cars); or evidence from such objects (e.g. tracks and impressions) in the vicinity of (i.e. directly over) the leach field?	Yes	No	
Are there one or more of the following signs of system malfunction present? →Septic Odors →Ponding or wastewater breakout →Burnt out grass or ground staining over the leach field →Patches of lush green grass over the leach field →Pipes exposed at or near the ground surface →Cracks or signs of leakage in risers and lids	Yes	No	
Are trees, large shrubs or other plants with extensive root systems in the vicinity (10 feet) of the leach field?	Yes	No	
Is storm water, sump pumps, foundation drains or roof runoff diverted to flow into the septic system?	Yes	No	
Is an apparent cave-in or exposed component identified?	Yes	No	
When was the last time the septic system pumped/inspected?	Over 3 years ago	Under 3 years ago	
What is the age of system? or How long have you resided at or owned the property?	Over 25 years	Under 25 years	
Is the system permitted by Sheridan County?	No	Yes	

If after completing the self-assessment you discover the majority of your responses fall into a high risk category or the answers are unknown, it is recommended that you seek further assistance from the Sheridan County Conservation District Office, at 672-5820 x. 3. Even if you have marked only a few in the high risk category, it is recommended that you explore options to address potential impacts to water quality concerns.