

Noble County Health Department (NCHD)

Sewage Treatment Systems Program:

New Process for Homeowners

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, Noble County Health Department (NCHD) is teaming up with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to improve sewage treatment systems in our community. The process for permitting and installation of sewage treatment systems are described in the [Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3718](#) and [Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-29](#). Following these rules helps to protect the health and safety of the whole community.

Are You Building or Putting in a New System?

1. An application for a permit to install a new sewage treatment system is necessary before construction can begin. Applications are available at NCHD or can be emailed to you (send application request to NobleSTS@odh.ohio.gov).
 - a. Contract with a soil scientist to have a soil evaluation performed on your property. The [Ohio Department of Health Information for Homeowners webpage](#) has a list of professionals in your area.
 - b. Work with a sewage treatment system designer to find what system would work best for your property. To find a designer in your area, use the [Ohio Department of Health Designer Contact List](#). You can also check with your installer to see if they offer design services.
 - c. Contact registered sewage treatment systems contractors for quotes on new systems. Always obtain a written contract and fully discuss all steps of the construction process and services the contractor will provide. A list of registered installers is available at NCHD.
 2. Once a soil evaluation and design are complete, please submit the documents along with a site and design review application and the associated fee. These items can be dropped off at NCHD, located at 44069 Marietta Rd, Caldwell, OH 43724.
 3. Your contractor will start flagging the ground for sewage treatment system installation. Once the flags are ready and before digging starts, our team will perform the site and design review. If approvable, your sewage treatment system permit to install will be issued.
 4. Once installation is completed and before it is covered, our team will do a final inspection of your system for approval. If problems come up, our team will work with you and the contractor to resolve them. This inspection is to protect your investment in your sewage treatment system and protect the health of our community.
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How Should I Maintain My System?

Septic maintenance includes inspecting the entire system every 1 to 3 years and pumping the tank every 3 to 5 years. The frequency for pumping the septic tank depends on the tank size, number of people in the household, the water habits and use, if a garbage disposal is used, and the amount of solids accumulated in the tank.

Payment Information:

You can pay permit fees by check at NCHD.

Checks should be made payable to **Treasurer of State**. Please include “**Revenue Code NC26**” in the memo section of the check.

Have Questions? Contact us!

NobleSTS@odh.ohio.gov

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