

Noble County Health Department (NCHD) Sewage Treatment Systems Program: What Homeowners Should Know

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. As a homeowner, you are responsible for the overall operation, maintenance, and upkeep of your sewage treatment system.

How Can I Prevent a Septic System Failure?

Regular maintenance is the best method to prevent a septic system failure. 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.

How Will I Know if My System is Failing?

Here are a few signs to watch for:

- Water and sewage from toilets, drains, and sinks may start to back up into the home's plumbing.
- Bathtubs, showers, and sinks draining very slowly.
- Gurgling sounds in the plumbing system.
- Standing water or damp spots near or over the septic tank or soil absorption component.
- Sewage odors around the septic tank or soil absorption component.
- Bright, spongy, grass over the septic tank or soil absorption component, even during dry weather.

Do You Have a Current Sewage Treatment System that is Not Operating Properly?

Call **614- 619- 6798** or stop by Noble County Health Department to schedule a time for NCHD and ODH to come and examine the system.

To report potential sewage treatment system issues, send an email with details to NobleSTS@odh.ohio.gov.

Payment Information

You can pay operation and maintenance permit fees by check at NCHD.

Checks should be made payable to **Treasurer of State**. Please include "**Revenue Code NC26**" in the memo.

Have Questions? Contact us!

NobleSTS@odh.ohio.gov

Phone Number: 614-619-6798

