

## Five Important Facts

1. The O&M program is state mandated by Ohio Law.
2. Existing HSTS DO NOT need to be repaired, altered, or replaced, UNLESS they are creating a public health nuisance.
3. The law encourages repair over replacement.
4. Regular pumping and maintenance will lengthen the life of the HSTS and help protect the environment.
5. After the operation permit is issued, the owner must have the sewage tank pumped and/or have the HSTS evaluated by a registered service provider before the operation permit renewal in five (5) years.

## How Often to Pump Your Tank

Tank gallons	Household size - Number of Occupants									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
250	2.9	1.3	0.75	0.5	0.25	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08
500	5.8	2.6	1.5	1	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.05
750	9.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.3	1	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
900	11	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.3	1	0.8	0.7	0.5
1000	12.4	5.9	3.7	2.6	2	1.5	1.2	1	0.8	0.7
1250	15.6	7.5	4.8	3.4	2.6	2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1
1500	18.9	9.1	5.9	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
1750	22.1	10.7	6.9	5	3.9	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.6
2000	25.4	12.4	8	5.9	4.5	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.2	2
2250	28.6	14	9.1	6.7	5.2	4.2	3.5	3	2.6	2.3
2500	30.9	15.6	10.2	7.5	5.9	4.8	4	3.5	3	2.6

## O&M Program Implementation Schedule

2023-2024: Bartlow, Damascus, Flatrock

2024-2025: Freedom, Harrison, Marion

2025-2026: Ridgeville, Washington

2026-2027: Napoleon, Liberty

2027-2028: Pleasant, Monroe, Richfield



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# Henry County

## 5-Year

## Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS)

## Operation and Maintenance Program (O&M Program)



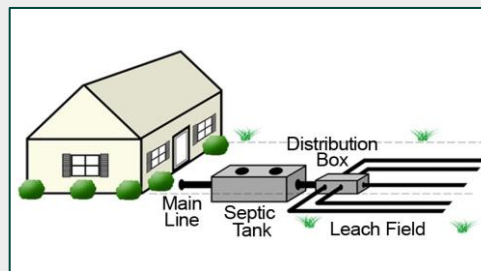
## O&M Program Operation Permit Process

The 5-year plan brings all the HSTS in Henry County under the O&M program. Refer to the implementation schedule on the back of this brochure for your Township. **Residents with a HSTS systems should expect the following:**

- 1) You will receive an operation permit, application, and operation permit fee in the mail from the Henry County Health Department (HCHD) approximately four (4) weeks before the payment is due.
- 2) Complete the operation permit application and return to the HCHD along with the \$100 operation permit fee.
- 3) Within the next five (5) years, you will need to have the sewage tank pumped and/or have the HSTS evaluated at least once.
- 4) This process will be repeated every five (5) years. Before the operation permit expires, you will receive an operation permit, renewal application, and operation permit fee from the HCHD.
- 5) If the operation permit fee is not paid by the due date, an additional 25% late fee will be added. Unpaid fees will be added to property taxes with an additional 3% added to all unpaid amounts.

## O&M Program Maintenance Requirements

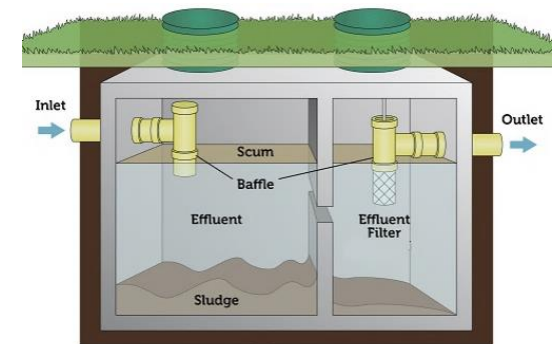
- The owner must have at least one of the following completed within five (5) years after the effective date of the operation permit:
  - Have the HSTS evaluated by a Registered Service Provider, and/or
  - Have the sewage tank pumped by a Registered Septage Hauler.
- The Registered Service Provider and/or Registered Septage Hauler will send a copy of the evaluation form and/or pumping report to the Henry County Health Department. Please keep a copy for your records.
- The evaluation form and pumping report are used to document the functioning of the HSTS and if a public health nuisance is being created. It is also used to inform you of any maintenance items that may be needed.



Typical HSTS Layout

## FAQs

- Do I have to replace my old HSTS?
  - The only time a replacement is needed is when the system cannot be repaired and is causing a public health nuisance.
- What is a Public Health Nuisance?
  - HSTS has a blockage that causes sewage to back up.
  - Pooling of water that could:
    - Smell like raw sewage.
    - Have a black or gray color.
- My tank is cracked or broken. Do I need a whole new HSTS?
  - Not necessarily. In most cases it would only require an alteration permit to replace the tank.
- Is there funding if I need to repair or replace my HSTS?
  - Henry County offers grant funding from the Ohio EPA. Families up to 300% of poverty level may qualify for funds.
  - Maumee Valley Planning has CHIP funds that could be utilized.



Properly functioning septic tank. Scum and Sludge are kept in the tank.