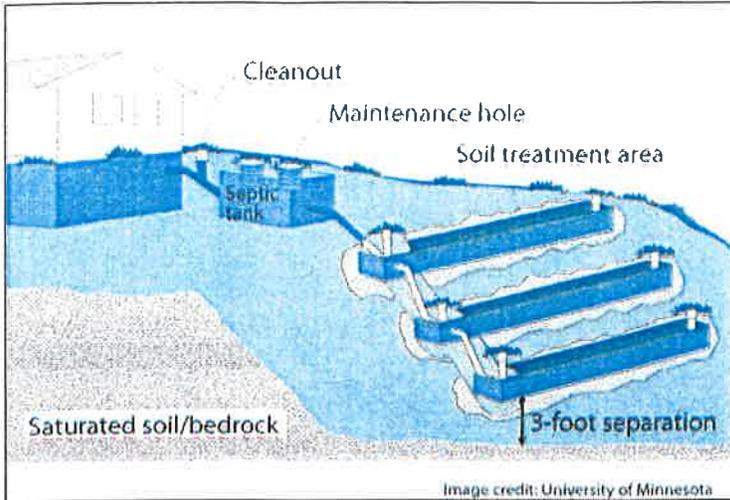


Freeborn County SSTS Compliance Program



Freeborn County will continue with on-site sewer system compliance inspections. These inspections evaluate the components of your sewer system, according to MN Rules Chapter 7080. Your sewer should consist of a water tight tank and a soils treatment area.

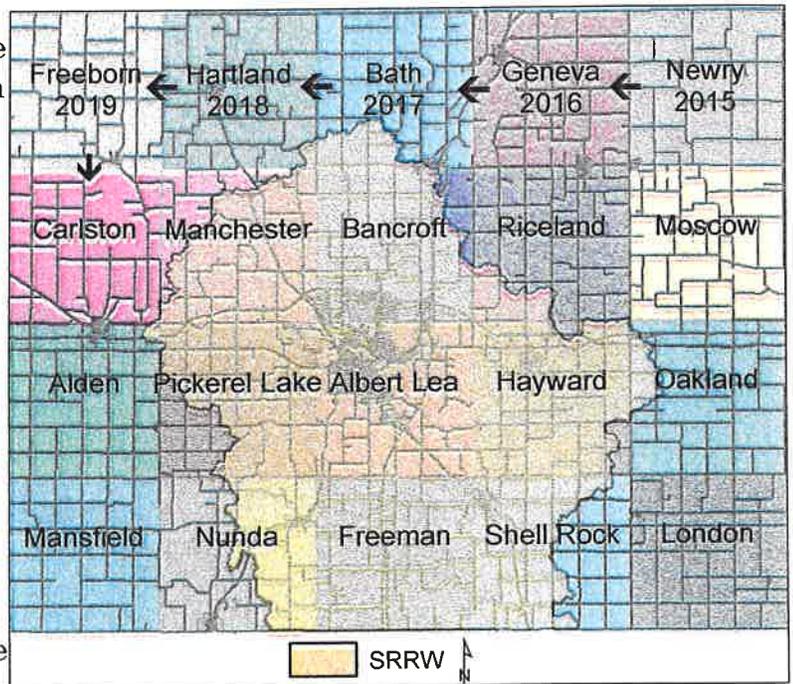
The septic tank is a solid, watertight tank that receives waste water. It separates solids from liquids and stores solids until they are removed by a licensed pumper. Inlet and outlet baffles trap scum in the tank. Effluent screens are a practical means of reducing solids into the soil treatment area.

Sewage is waste produced by toilets, bathing, laundry, and cooking. Sewage does not include roof drainage, water softener recharge, or lawn & garden irrigation.

Proper operation and maintenance of your system will reduce bacteria, viruses, nutrients, and chemicals into our land and water resources.

Recommendations for system operations:

- Control water use
- Reroute water softener discharge water out of septic system
- Eliminate harmful products from system
- Do not use additives to enhance system performance
- Regularly pump septic tanks
- Protect the soils treatment area from vehicle traffic



Compliance Program Details:

- County wide program to start January 1, 2015
- Freeborn County will offer a \$100 reimbursement for each sewer system compliance when completed and returned to office
- Approximately 100-150 inspections per year, completing typically 1 township each year
- Any system installed prior to 2002, may be inspected
- An emphasis would be placed on properties that are imminent health threats, without sewer permits, and those within shoreland areas or wellhead protection zones
- Systems within Shell Rock River Watershed would be inspected near end of program

Please contact Environmental Services Department for additional information at (507) 377-5186.