

3.) LOCAL SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

Questions to ask a **General Contractor/Septic Installer** Prior to Agreeing to a Contract.

This checklist will assist you, the homeowner, in asking a general contractor questions, prior to signing a written agreement, for the improvement or installation of a septic system or a sewage connection.

A. General Questions

1. How many installations have you performed, under the old Title 5 regulations and under the new Title 5 regulations, and, how long have you been in business?
2. How many have been done in our Town/City over the past two (2) years?
3. Would you say the Board of Health and its agent has been satisfied with your work 100% of the time?
4. Are there any septic systems that you have worked on, or are presently working on, that have not been completed? If so, why not?
5. How long will it be before you provide a written estimate, if we provide a set of plans and written specifications right now?
6. If your written estimate is submitted, based on our provided plans and written specifications, how long will it be before you show up on the job?
7. Will you break down the pay estimate in phases as outlined below:

Item	Description	% of Total
a.	Submit a written estimate and if accepted, a contract.	
b.	Drop off materials and bring a machine to start digging	
c.	Complete Installation of any required septic system components	
d.	Complete the soil adsorption system	
e.	Obtain a successful inspection from the Board of Health	80%
f.	Cover over the system to grade	
g.	Seed and loam as required	20%

8. Will you provide us three references of homeowners of your last three jobs?
9. Do you carry insurance? If so, does it consist of:
 - a. Property Liability
 - b. Vehicle Liability
 - c. Workers Comp (unless self employed)
10. How long will our toilets, dishwasher, sinks, etc. be off line (can't be used)?
11. How long will this job take from start until completion?