

## INFORMATION FOR THE OWNER OF AN "ATU" AEROBIC ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY

**Maintenance Contracts and Fees:**

Aerobic systems require ongoing maintenance. The initial contract period for new systems is 2 years. Maintenance contracts cover the cost of the maintenance provider's inspection, testing, and reporting **only**, parts and labor costs to repair the system are an additional cost. After the initial 2 year contract you are responsible for getting a new contract or you may be allowed to perform testing, reporting, and repairs yourself after successfully completing an aerobic maintenance course approved by us. You are not required to renew your contract with the original maintenance provider; any licensed maintenance provider registered and in good standing with Washington County may be used. New and renewal contracts must be submitted to this department at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous contract.

**Inspection, Testing and Reporting:**

Maintenance providers are to inspect, test, and report on each single-family residential system a minimum of 4 times per year, at 3-month intervals. Systems on commercial food service establishments require inspection, testing, and reporting every month. Reports that indicate a malfunctioning system require you, the owner, to insure that the system is brought into compliance. Maintenance providers may charge you for extra inspections and reports, which do not alter or postpone the regular maintenance schedule. A waterproof tag must be placed on the unit by the maintenance provider and the date of each inspection must be recorded on the tag. The maintenance provider is required to submit copies of each maintenance report to you and this department within 14 days of each inspection.

**Property Access:**

You, the owner, must assure that the maintenance provider and/or this department has access to the aerobic system. Access shall be provided during normal business hours (8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday).

**Problems:**

When a problem arises with your aerobic system, immediately contact your maintenance provider. If at any time your maintenance provider fails to respond in a timely manner, or fails to provide the required maintenance, please contact this department.

**Altering the Aerobic System:**

Once an aerobic system has been installed, and passed inspection, it may not be altered in **any** way without prior approval from this department. This includes moving or changing any part of the system or connecting another structure to the system. If something needs to be altered, contact this department first.

**Tank Pumping:**

Aerobic systems usually require that the tanks be pumped-out every 3-5 years, depending on usage. Failure to pump-out the system when needed may result in biochemical overload, odor, and unsatisfactory performance. Failure to correct the situation may result in costly repairs. Excess grease and garbage disposal waste can and will cause problems with any type of septic system.

**I have read the above and I understand aerobic systems are NOT required by Washington County, and other options may be available. By choosing to install an aerobic on-site sewage facility, I agree to meet all related sewage effluent discharge standards.**

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Signature of Owner

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Date

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Owner's Printed or Typed Name

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Installation Address