

To: Homeowners/Realtors

From: Environmental Health Division, Bureau/Putnam/Marshall County Health Department

Subject: Sewage Disposal System and/or Well Evaluation

**Please Note: This department will not schedule evaluations until request form and fee are received. **

An evaluation of your sewage disposal system and/or well has been requested. In order to complete this inspection, it is sometimes necessary for the entire top of the septic tank to be exposed. The following is a step by step procedure for readying your system for inspection.

- 1. <u>Locate the septic tank:</u> Go to the basement or crawl space and determine which direction the sewer pipe exits the house. The tank can often be located by probing the yard with a stiff metal rod. <u>Usually</u> the top of the tank is fairly shallow, 12" to 24".
- 2. <u>Uncover the septic tank:</u> (THE INLET AND OUTLET LIDS <u>MUST BE UNCOVERED AND</u> <u>REMOVED.</u>) *(See illustration #1). If the tank is an older model, the clean-out manhole must be removed. *(See illustration #2). If your septic tank does not have any portholes or manholes, please call the Health Department for further guidance. When uncovering the septic tank, <u>it is usually easier to remove all the dirt from the top of tank</u>. **DO NOT PUMP THE TANK BEFORE THE EVALUATION.**
- 3. <u>Contact the Health Department:</u> Once the tank is ready, it will be necessary for someone to telephone this office to set up the evaluation date. Well and/or sewage disposal system evaluations are usually conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays. Someone must be present to give Health Department personnel access into the house. Provisions must be made to have the water running inside the house for evaluation of sewage system and well sampling purposes.

If you any questions, please contact this office.

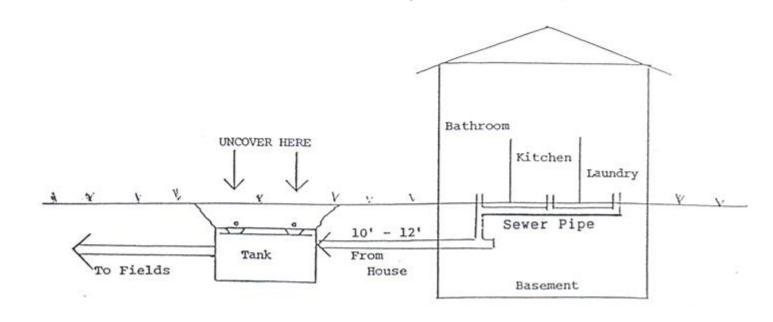
*(See reverse side for illustrations)

INTERPRETATION OF THE SURVEY

The Bureau/Putnam/Marshall County Health Department evaluation will result in a statement as to the conditions of the sewage disposal system and/or well at the time of the survey. The survey report shall also indicate the status of the sewage disposal system and/or well as it relates to current rules and regulations. The Bureau/Putnam/Marshall County Health Department does not guarantee any system, nor does the survey or permit process result in any general, or implied, warranty for the use of the sewage disposal system and/or well.



ILLUSTRATION #1







REQUEST FOR REAL ESTATE EVALUATION OF SEWAGE AND/OR WATER WELL

I,		request the Bureau/Putnam/Marshall County Health
•	• •	and/or well on the property listed below.
THIS FORM ANI		BMITTED PRIOR TO SCHEDULING
	EVALU	JATION
Owner's Name:		
Contact's Name(if Different) & Daytime Phone #:		
Property Address:		
Property Location:	☐ Bureau County ☐ Marshall County ☐ Putnam County	Property ID # Age of Building/ Year Built if Known
Directions to Site:		
Former Owners Name:		
Type of Survey Requested:	Real-Estate Evaluation *Sewage Disposal System \$100.00 Additional visits to the property: \$50 *Well Evaluation \$100.00 *Sewage Disposal System & Water Well Evaluation Including Water Sample \$200.00 *Feasibility Letter \$25.00	
Water Supply:	Public(City), Priv	vate, Semi-private=number on well
Type of Well:	Drilled, Bored	, Driven/Sandpoint, Dug
Septic System:	Public(City)Sewer, Private Septic System	
Type of Septic System:		
Approximate Age of System:		
Number of Bedrooms:		
Number of Months Vacant:		
Name and Address to Send Report to:	Name: Address:	
		ge disposal system and/or collect a water sample for laboratory y for the purpose(s) stated above.
Requestor's Signature **PLEASE NOTE: Fees submitted for evaluations ar		Phone # The non-refundable. If our personnel must make a return visit with the charged. If additional visters were a second second with the charged of the delitional visters.

**PLEASE NOTE: <u>Fees</u> submitted for evaluations are <u>non-refundable</u>. If our personnel must make a return visit because the septic tank(s) lids have <u>not been uncovered</u>, an <u>additional \$50.00 fee will be charged</u>. If additional water samples are necessary, a fee of \$30.00 / sample is required.

TIME REQUIREMENT

- 1. This application must be received by this Department a **minimum of seven (7) days prior** to the requested evaluation date.
- 2. Upon completion of the evaluation, **a minimum of fourteen (14) days** are required for processing of all necessary samples and paperwork.
- 3. Evaluations will only be conducted on Mondays and Tuesdays, if water sample is taken.