

# SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Independence Township is mainly served by on-lot septic systems and permits are required for new or repaired systems. There is no longer a ten-acre exemption from permitting. Application forms are available at the Township Office as they are multi-page, NCR forms.

**NEW SYSTEMS** - A detailed instruction sheet will accompany each application. This is for a new system on undeveloped property. The current application fee for a new system permit is \$1,440.00 payable to the Township at the time application is filed. Once this is filed at the Township Office, the SEO will be in contact to schedule the perc testing. This fee covers perc testing, design review, final inspection and permit issuance. If there are any additional inspection or issues requiring additional work from the SEO, additional fees may be charged.

**REPAIRS/OTHER ISSUES** – If you need a system repair or have other issues and are unsure what is needed, a septic site inspection form together with a fee of \$150.00 for an initial inspection should be paid to Independence Township. Once submitted, the SEO will be in contact to schedule the site visit. If a Repair permit not requiring soil analysis or percolation testing (failed tank, box or pipe) will be \$540.00. Soil testing for repair permit is an extra cost.

Jeffrey Winkle handles all septic related permitting and inspecting for the Township. Jeff can be reached (724) 622-8306 or [jdlawinkle5@gmail.com](mailto:jdlawinkle5@gmail.com) for technical or design questions.