

## Your Septic System Plan has been approved, what's next?

### **Hire an Installer.**

The installer must have a permit from the Town of Medfield. Get references from engineers, friends or neighbors. A list is available from the BOH office. Call more than one installer, ask questions, compare prices, trust your instincts.

### **The installer must request a “pre-construction” meeting.**

This meeting is between the BOH Agent, the installer and the Engineer (check to see if there is an additional charge for this meeting). This meeting is where any questions or possible conflicts will be ironed out. Also, the agent explains the inspection process, gives the engineer and the installer the certificates that must be signed upon completion of the project. (see below for the inspection process). This meeting may be waived by the Agent, so if you have any concerns, contact the BOH office with them.

### **Inspection Process**

There are 3 inspections that are done by the Board of Health Agent. Inspections are to be requested through the BOH office at 508/906-3006.

**Excavation:** this is an inspection of the hold where the leaching area will be placed.

**Backfill:** when the components (tank, pipes, dbox, pump chamber, etc.) are in place. The Agent will visit the site to check the inside of the tank, be sure the pipes are properly pitched, that the dbox flows equally and if there is a pump chamber that may be inspected.

If the septic tank is to remain in the ground, it will be checked for watertightness. If remaining tank is more than 6” below grade, a riser will have to be attached.

If the tank is connected to your house, it will have to be pumped. This is an additional charge to a pumper and for disposal.

**Final Grade:** a final grade inspection is required in order to received a Certificate of Compliance. A Certificate of Compliance states that the system was built in accordance with Title 5 and the approved plan.

- Final grading means **loamed and stabilized** (top soil and/or seed, mulch or hay). (confer with your installer to see if they provide loam and stabilization for final grade inspection.
- The BOH Agent will not be scheduled for a final grade inspection until all the following items have been submitted and reviewed:
  - (a) Installer and designer certifications
  - (b) Pump & retaining wall certification
  - (c) As-Built plan ( confer with your engineer to see if there is an extra charge)
  - (d) If the pump alarm was not inspected at the time of the backfill inspection, an appt must be made to inspect the control box.

**Please note:** The Engineer and installer must coordinate difference aspects of the installation and certification of your septic system installation beyond what the Agent inspects. If you find a conflict, please confer with the BOH Agent.