



TOWN OF WESTFORD
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01886
692-5509

SEPTAGE HAULER REQUIREMENTS

(As per 310 CMR 15.000: THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE, TITLE 5)

15.502: Transportation

- (1) No person shall remove and/or transport septage through the streets of any city or town or via any state or federal highway located within any city or town in which the septage was first collected without first obtaining a permit from the board of health of such city or town in accordance with 310 CMR 15.000 and M.G.L. c 111, § 31A. An application for such permit shall be in such form and contain such information, on oath, as such board shall require.
- (2) All such permits shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which they are issued, but may be renewed annually on application as herein provided. No permit shall be transferred except with the written approval of the said board.
- (3) All permits shall designate the treatment works, approved by the Department, where the hauler is authorized to dispose of septage and a copy of all contracts or other agreements between the hauler and the receiving facility shall be submitted to, and retained by, the Approving Authority.
- (4) A duly registered septage hauler may transport septage through the streets of a city or town in which said substances were not collected provided the hauler registers with the board of health or such city or town; and, provided further, that he or she transports said substances in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be established by such board of health.
- (5) Motor vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions and motor vehicles engaged under contract with the Commonwealth in the transportation of septage shall be exempt from the provisions of 310 CMR 15.502. A city or town may recommend to the department of highways, in writing, an alternative route of travel for such motor vehicles whereby the noise or nuisance incident to such travel shall be minimized or abated and said department shall consider such alterations or changes in the travel routes of such motor vehicles as will result in the minimization of such noise or nuisance.
- (6) The contents of privies, cesspools, septic tanks and tight tanks shall be transported in a manner that will not create a nuisance or a health hazard.
- (7) Pumping records shall be submitted to the local Approving Authority on a quarterly basis, unless the local Approving Authority requires more frequent submittals.



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15.505: Equipment

- (1) No person shall use equipment to remove or transport the contents of privies, cesspools, septic tanks or tight tanks unless such equipment has first be inspected and approved by the Approving Authority.
- (2) Mobile tanks shall be securely mounted on trucks. They shall be watertight, equipped with necessary odor controls, provided with a leak proof cover and tight discharge valves.
- (3) Mobile tanks shall be provided with a vent constructed in a manner that will permit the escape of gas, but not the liquid contents of the tank.
- (4) Suction or pressures hoses shall be in good repair.
- (5) Pumps shall be maintained in a condition that will prevent the leakage of septage.