



Schedule 10 Decommissioning Requirements for Out-of-Service Septic Systems

(Ontario Building Code 8.9.1.2(1)(b) —
Requirement for Permit 8.-(1) Building Code Act)

To receive approval for septic system decommissioning:

1) Decommissioning requirements

- 1) an out-of-service onsite wastewater treatment system must be decommissioned in accordance with this Schedule.

2) Septic tank and holding tanks

- 2 (1) An out-of-service septic tank or holding tank must be decommissioned to the satisfaction of the Director of the Ottawa Septic System Office within one year after it is taken out of service.
- 2 (2) All solids and liquids must be removed from an out-of-service tank by a registered hauler and disposed of at a licensed sewage treatment plant or a licensed wastewater treatment lagoon. A receipt validating this activity must be submitted prior to or during inspection.
- 2 (3) Any electrical device or devices containing mercury must be removed from an out-of-service tank. Devices containing mercury (i.e. pump floats) must be disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.
- 2 (4) Once solids and liquids have been removed, an out-of-service tank must:
 - (a) be removed and disposed of at a licensed or permitted waste disposal ground; or
 - (b) be filled with clean sand, gravel or other material acceptable to the Director of the Ottawa Septic System Office.
- 2 (5) The area must be graded and vegetative cover must be established.

3) Disposal Fields

- 3 (1) An out-of-service disposal field (also known as tile fields, tile beds, filter media beds, etc.) may be left in place if there are no plans to use the area for other purposes. If present, inspection ports should be removed and backfilled.
- 3 (2) If a person elects to remove an out-of-service disposal field within one year after it has been taken out of service
 - (a) components from the distribution network must be removed and disposed of at a licensed or permitted waste disposal ground; and
 - (b) excavated soil that is contaminated must be spread or stockpiled
 - i) in a manner that prevents surface runoff and contact with humans,
 - ii) on land where the depth of soil is at least 0.9 metres (35.4 inches) to the bedrock or normal high water table, and
 - iii) with a minimum setback of 30 metres (98.4 feet) from a shoreline or surface watercourse.