

Public Service Announcement

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Sewage Disposal Inspection Program

Owners of Jefferson County properties with individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS) must have those systems inspected and approved by the Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) prior to the sale or major remodeling of the property. JCPH estimates that there are approximately 23,000 systems in the County, mostly in the Evergreen and Conifer areas. "Every individual sewage disposal system is a potential source of groundwater pollution," noted Craig Sanders, Interim Director, Environmental Health Services Division, "and the inspection program assists in protecting groundwater and in assuring that new home owners have a properly functioning ISDS."

Private companies with certified or licensed inspectors perform the actual field inspection and pump the septic tank. Those reports will then be reviewed and approved by JCPH prior to issuing the use permit. JCPH's application fee is \$100.00, however individual companies will establish their own charges for the inspection and pumping.

JCPH has posted information, brochures, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheets, applications and inspection forms on our web site - www.jeffco.us/health. Click the "Environmental Health Services" tab, then the "Use Permit Program" bullet. You may also call (303) 271-5700 for more information.