

VAN WERT COUNTY HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHO: Every septic system in Van Wert County will be entered into the state mandated program over the next few years. Homes will be added each year based off of criteria such as new septic permit, real estate inspection, real estate transfers, location within the county, and home owners volunteering to be added to the program.

WHAT: The purpose of the program is to educate home owners on what type of sewage treatment system they have on their property and what maintenance should be done to maintain it.

WHEN: Letters and applications will be mailed at the beginning of the year and evaluations will be completed throughout the year when the ground is not frozen or saturated. The O&M Permit has a fee of \$50 and will need to be renewed every 5 years.

Why: In 2015, the Ohio Department of Health updated rules concerning the operation and maintenance of household sewage treatment systems. All counties are required to have an O&M permitting program in place for all household sewage treatment systems.