# HUNT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# AEROBIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS HOMEOWNERS INFORMATION

"Hunt County does not require aerobic systems, alternative systems are available"

## **Maintenance Contracts:**

Maintenance contracts go into effect the day the system is approved. The original installation contract is good for 2 years from that date. Maintenance contracts must be maintained at <u>all</u> times for an aerobic system. After 2 years the owner is responsible to renew the contract, but not required to use the original installer. Renewals must be submitted 30 days prior to expiration of the contract. Hunt County charges an administrative fee for each renewed contract.

# **Testing and Reporting:**

Maintenance companies shall inspect a system 3 times a year minimum. This shall be done at 4 month intervals. Tags are to be placed on the unit or in breaker box so the maintenance provider can document inspections. Copies of the inspection report shall be sent to the County Health Dept. and the homeowner.

#### Chlorine:

Chlorine must be maintained in an aerobic system at <u>all</u> times. Chlorine is present to destroy any waterborne diseases that may be present. The <u>homeowner</u> is responsible to make sure the system always has chlorine.

### Property access:

The owner must provide access to the aerobic unit when requested by the maintenance company and/or Health Department. This shall be provided during normal working hours (8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday). Access may be limited due to a locked gate or due to aggressive dogs, etc.

## **Problems:**

If a problem arises with the unit that has been installed, immediately contact the current maintenance company. If at any time a problem is not corrected or the company fails to provide the required maintenance, contact our department.

#### Altering the aerobic unit:

Once an aerobic unit has been installed and inspected, it may not be altered in <u>any</u> way. Not by the homeowner or a licensed installer. This includes moving or changing the spray of the sprinklers or connecting another residence to the system. If something needs to be altered contact our office, a permit must be issued for any alteration and an inspection performed.

#### Tank pumping:

Aerobic system must be pumped about every 2-4 years. Failure to pump the system can result in BOD overloads and result in an odor. Failure to comply or correct the situation can result in costly repairs. Grease and garbage disposal can and will cause problems with any type of septic system.

I have read and understand the requirements outlined above. This also includes any current or new regulations passed by the state or county. By installing a surface disposal wastewater system, I agree to meet all state and county regulations.

Land owners signature:	Date:	Permit #