



ABANDONMENT OF SEPTIC TANK AND LEACH FIELD

The Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) / septic system may be abandoned due to replacement, failure or connection to municipal sewer. If a septic system is being replaced, a permit must be obtained. Please see the web address¹ for the Residential Septic Tank Permit Application Requirements for information on obtaining a new permit.

I. Abandonment of Septic Tank and Leach Field in Place

1. Septic Tank

- a) Pump and provide pumping receipt to Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) from permitted liquid waste hauler (Phone numbers can be found in the *Yellow Pages* under "Septic Tanks & Systems – Cleaning").
- b) The septic tank can either be crushed **OR** filled with dry earth with proof provided to SNHD in the form of receipts or before and after photos (from the same angle).

2. Leach Field

- a) A written note from the owner or contractor stating that the leach field is abandoned in place

Note: If the septic tank is within 8 ft of an existing or future structure, it must be pumped and removed to a SNHD approved disposal facility with receipts provided to SNHD. **Any part** of the leach field within 8 ft (shallow system²) or 20 ft (deep system³) must also be removed with receipts provided to SNHD as listed above.

II. Removal of Septic Tank and Leach Field Due to Conflicts with Structures or Proposed Pool

1. Septic tank and leach field

- a) Pump tank and provide receipts to SNHD from a SNHD permitted liquid waste hauler
- b) Remove septic tank to a SNHD approved disposal facility
- c) Remove any stained soil within **2 ft of the bottom and sides of the entire length and width of the leach field and leach lines** to a SNHD approved disposal facility, and provide SNHD with receipts.

¹ Web address - <http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/environmental_health/isds/home.htm>

² Shallow System – depth from finished grade to bottom of excavation is **less than or equal** to 4ft

³ Deep System – depth from finished grade to bottom of excavation is **greater than** 4 ft

* If the property is being connected to municipal sewer, provide SNHD with sewer connection paperwork along with the applicable receipts noted above.