



Instructions for Decommissioning of Septic Tanks

When existing premises are connected to the sewer or new septic systems are installed, all redundant septic tank(s) are to be decommissioned using the procedure detailed below. This is to ensure that the redundant tank(s) do not cause any future public health or environmental problems.

Procedure

1. All effluent and sludge is to be removed from the redundant septic tank(s) by an approved contractor (see table below).
2. After pumpout/cleanout, tank(s) are to be treated with slaked lime to disinfect and neutralise the tanks. Care should be taken when using slaked lime. It is recommended that appropriate precautionary steps be taken such as using personal protective equipment (skin protection, eye protection and respiratory protection). A copy of the MSDS for slaked lime should be on hand. Only properly qualified persons should be employed to perform any procedures using chemicals.
3. After treatment with slaked lime, a hole or holes adequate for drainage purpose is to be provided to the bottom of the tank(s).
4. The concrete lids and portion of the tank walls are to be broken to ground level or below ground level.
5. The tank(s) are to be filled with solid, non-putrescible fill; with the ground surface made good. If settling of the fill material occurs over time it may be necessary to make good the ground surface with further fill.

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