Once installed your private sewage treatment system should provide many years of quality service.

But like your automobile, all sewage systems need care and maintenance.

Please contact your Local Health Department Environmental Health Specialist or a representative from the DOW to learn how they can help you care for your new sewage system.

Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Division of Public Health Protection and Safety
Environmental Management Branch
HS1C-D
275 East Main St
Frankfort, KY 40621
Phone: (502) 564-4856

Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet
Division of Water
14 Reilly Rd
Frankfort, KY 40621
Phone: (502) 564-3410
All homes need a sewage disposal system. Contact your City/County to determine if you have access to a sanitary sewage connection (City Sewer).

If you do not have access to sanitary sewer you will be required to install a private sewage system.

Many types of private sewage systems may be available depending upon where you live.

These may include:
- Septic Tanks and Lateral Field
- Gravelless Leaching Systems
- Artificial or Constructed Wetlands
- Sewage Lagoons
- Modified or Experimental Systems
- Aerobic Treatment Systems
- Home Treatment Units

To find out what options may be available for your tract of land, follow the chart:

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky Application & Permitting Process For Individual Home Sewage Systems**

Submit application for site evaluation to Local Health Department (LHD). At this time health department issues temporary release for Non-Manufactured (“Stick-built”) Homes.

Site evaluation conducted by LHD or professional engineer

Site Evaluation Report-Approved Site

System Options:
- Conventional Septic, Modified Septic
- Alternative System or Experimental System

Site Approved

Application Review; if approved:
- ODS Construction Permit issued
- Permanent electrical release issued
- For Non-Manufactured (“Stick Built Homes”) / Manufactured Homes

Initial installation inspection scheduled
- Installers affidavit submitted
- Installation of system by certified installer

Final System Inspection

Site Evaluation Report-Unapproved Site

Discuss with LHD:
- Site upgrade options, second evaluation, consultation with Dept of Public Health staff (502)564-4856
- Referral to Division of Water (DOW) for Home Treatment

Complete KY Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) Application Contact DOW KPDES Branch for Assistance (502)564-3410

DOW Reviews:
- Completeness of application
- Receiving stream conditions
- Conducts site visit

KPDES Permit Issued

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* Your local health department can assist you through this process

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KPDES Application Should Include:
- USGS Topo Map
- Site Plan
- Health Department Evaluation
- Discharge Easements
- Approval From Regional Authority (if applicable)
- $450 Application Fee