

Sewage Ejector System Decommissioning Procedure

The following procedure can be used to decommission a sewage ejector system.

Remove the sewage ejector standpipe. In the case of a 4" riser, glue a 4" cap on to the riser. In the case of a 1 1/4" poly pipe, plug the pipe with an insert plug and a gear clamp. Landscape the area if required.

It is not necessary to remove or sever the poly pipe leading to the ejector if it is your intent to use this piping in conjunction with the construction of a new disposal field or alternative system. If a disposal field or alternative system is not to be installed immediately, it is important to disconnect the electrical wires connected to the pump. Remove the pump. Cap the piping connected to the pump to prevent sewer gas from entering the dwelling.

Providing the existing septic tank is in good working condition, the septic tank can be used in conjunction with the construction of the new disposal field or alternative system. If a disposal field or alternative system is not going to be installed the sewage line should be plugged at the septic tank outlet.

If the sump pump water is directed to the septic tank it is recommended that this water be redirected to avoid excessive pumping of the septic tank or backup into the dwelling. Sump pump water is clean water that collects from the weeping tiles surrounding the dwelling and is not considered wastewater. Sump pump water can be discharged directly onto the surface of the ground. Ensure the water discharged from your sump is directed to a suitable location in your yard and remains on your property.

If you plan to remove the septic tank, follow the decommissioning procedures as outlined in Guideline 2009-01E.

Manitoba Conservation recommends that decommissioning be carried out by a certified installer.

Guidelines can be found on the Manitoba Conservation website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envprograms/wastewater/information/index.html>