



Septage Permitting Program

Solid Waste Permits
Office of Land Quality

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Introduction:

The Septage Permitting Program evaluates and permits activities related to the pumping, hauling, transporting, storing, treating, and land applying of septage. Septage must be managed according to IC [13-18-12](#) and the rules in 327 IAC 7.1, Water Pollution Control Division. Septage is defined in IC 13-11-2-199.2 as human excreta, water, scum, sludge, sewage, incidental or accidental seepage from sewage disposal systems; retained contents of sewage holding tanks and portable sanitary unit; grease, fats, and retained wastes from grease traps or interceptors; human wastes carried in liquid from ordinary living processes.

Servicing or maintaining a publicly owned wastewater treatment facility or transporting wastewater from a publicly owned wastewater treatment facility are activities that do not require a person to obtain a permit from the Septage Permitting Program.

Permitting Process:

Persons who wish to remove, transport, store, treat, land apply, or dispose of septage must submit to IDEM an Application for Septage Management Business Permit (State Form [50399](#)) and, when applicable, an Application for a Septage Management Storage/Treatment Facility Permit (State Form [50402](#)) and an Application for a Septage Management Land Application Site Permit (State Form [50403](#)). Renewal applications must be submitted prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. Septage permits are non-transferable.

A completed application form must include:

- **Permittee:** The legal entity responsible for the permit and must be an individual person or legal entity licensed with the Indiana Secretary of State.
- **Business Name:** The name used on all truck labeling, advertising, and receipts. This can be the same as the Permittee but is not required to be.
- **Disposal Options:** At least one location indicating where the Permittee will transport septage for disposal. This may include a permitted septage storage or treatment facility, a landfill, a solid waste processing facility, or wastewater treatment plant.

The applicant must also determine the type of management activities conducted by the septage management business as well as the type of septage managed by the septage management business and provide contact information for a designated authority for the facility.

IDEM's Role:

IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy, and oversees the requirements for the removal transport, storage, treatment, and disposal of septage from sewage disposal systems. Copies of permitting and recordkeeping must be retained for five years and made available to representatives of the Commissioner for inspection.

Additional Information:

- All forms listed are available on the IDEM Agency Forms page: idem.IN.gov/forms/idem-agency-forms/#olq_septage
- To receive email or text updates every time IDEM posts new information, subscribe to IDEM updates at idem.IN.gov/pages/subscribe. Provide an email address or phone number.
- IDEM Virtual File Cabinet at vfc.idem.IN.gov/DocumentSearch.aspx
- For more information on regulations for septage, please visit IDEM's website at idem.IN.gov/waste/waste-industries/septage-management
- For questions and concerns, please contact Program Administrator Kate Garvey at (317) 233-5552 or KRGarve@idem.IN.gov.