Disposal of Septage in Municipal Sewage Systems
---s. 281.49, Wis. Stats.---

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Definitions

• Licensed Disposer:
  – Engaged in Servicing...s. 281.48(2)(f)
  – License issued under ... s. 281.48(3)(a)

• Septage
  – Scum, liquid, sludge or other waste from:
    • Septic Tank
    • Soil Absorption Field
    • Holding Tank
    • Privy
  – NOT waste from a GREASE INTERCEPTOR
Requirement to TREAT Septage

• Municipal Sewage Systems
  – SHALL
    • ACCEPT and TREAT Septage
    • From Licensed Disposer
    • Nov 15 through April 15
  – MAY
    • Accept and Treat Septage
    • Other times of the year
Exceptions

1. Acceptance/Treatment causes system to:
   - Exceed operating design capacity
   - Violate
     - Effluent limitations/standards
     - Water quality standards
     - Legally applicable requirements
       - Court Orders
       - State/Federal statutes, rules or orders
Exceptions

2. Septage is **NOT** compatible with treatment System

3. Licensed Disposer
   - has **NOT** applied for/received approval
   - **FAILS** to comply with disposal plan

4. Licensed Disposer
   - **FAILS** to Comply w Municipality’s Septage Disposal Rules
Exceptions

ACCEPT IN PART:
Municipal Sewage System SHALL ACCEPT that part of the total amount of septage offered which is not within the exceptions
Priority

Municipality may accept:

• Sewage Service Area Septage prior to septage generated outside the Sewage Service Area
Disposal Plan

**Licensed Disposer**
- Apply to Municipal Sewage System PRIOR to **SEPT 1**

**Municipal Sewage System**
- Approve/Reject applications on or before **OCT 1**
- Reasonable Terms/Conditions
  - Quantities, Locations, Times, Methods of Discharge
  - Reporting Requirements including Source & Volume
  - Analyze Septage Characteristics (if non domestic)
  - Reasonable Disposal Fees

**Prepare Disposal Plan**
- For Each Licensed Disposer
- Approval w/ Terms/Conditions
Disposal Facilities

- Sewage System must provide disposal facilities
Fees

Actual Cost Only

• Reception & Storage Facilities
• Testing costs
• Treatment Costs can vary by:
  – Quantity
  – Type
• Adm. Fees associated w/septage

Associated Costs

• Capital costs
• Debt Service
• Operational
• Maintenance
• Other

Sample Bill

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Fee Disputes

Municipal Sewage System
- Establish procedure for review if disputed

Licensed Disposer
- Request to review using Established Procedure
- Review of fees by Public Service Commission
  - Informal
  - Suggest resolution
- Formal PSC Review

Fee Dispute Resolution Program
Fee Increases

• If increasing fees...

• Notify Licensed Disposer
  – >60 days in advance
  – Description of how New Fee was calculated