SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT REPORT

This report is not a state form. It follows the Department Procedure for Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of Existing Systems (May 2000), which Rule 62-6.001(5), F.A.C. incorporates. Florida law does not require a septic inspection to sell a home: "An inspection of a system may not be mandated by a governmental entity at the point of sale in a real estate transaction." (s. 381.0065(4)(x), F.S.)

Street address	City	County	ZIP code	Inspection date
Requested by	Phone	Email		
System owner	Phone	Email		
Septic company	Phone	Email		
Company address	Inspector	Registration or license no.		

Inspector is a:

- ☐ Registered septic tank contractor
- ☐ Master septic tank contractor
- ☐ State-licensed plumber
- ☐ Certified under s. 381.0101, F.S.

1 Assessment

In the professional opinion of the inspector, the system:

- ☐ Is not a sanitary nuisance.
- ☐ Is a sanitary nuisance through the item(s) checked:
  - ☐ 1. allowing the discharge of untreated or improperly treated human waste.
  - ☐ 2. the improperly built or maintained sewage treatment tank.
  - ☐ 3. the creation, maintenance or causing of any condition capable of breeding flies, mosquitoes or any other arthropods capable of transmitting diseases directly or indirectly to humans.
- ☐ The system is in failure or has been in failure, so the inspector ended the inspection and told the owner the findings.

Maintenance that needs to be performed on the system:

2 Scope and notice of your rights

You have the right to request an inspection based on part or all of the standards in the Department Procedure for Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of Existing Systems (Rule 62-6.001(5), F.A.C.). Unless you ask in writing to leave parts out, the inspection includes the tank, the drainfield, any pumps, siphons, and alarms, and a written assessment.

Inspection requested:

- ☐ Full inspection
- ☐ Partial inspection

Left out in writing:

- ☐ Tank
- ☐ Drainfield
- ☐ Pumps, siphons, and alarms

- ☐ Before the inspection, the person requesting it received a copy of the Department Procedure for Voluntary Inspection and Assessment of Existing Systems and this written notice.

Signature of person requesting the inspection

Date

3 The system

Permit record	Year installed	Bedrooms	Water supply	Occupancy

System type: ☐ Septic tank and drainfield ☐ Aerobic treatment unit ☐ Performance-based system

"Aerobic treatment units and performance-based treatment systems shall not be evaluated using this criteria, but shall be evaluated by the approved maintenance entity which maintains the unit or system." (Rule 62-6.001(5))

4 Tank inspection

Tank material	Capacity (gallons)	Compartments	Pumped on	Pumped by

Capacity found by: ☐ Measuring the empty tank ☐ Tank legend ☐ Metered refill ☐ Record within 3 years

Mark one box for each item: OK = No defect seen, D = Defect found, NI = Not inspected, NP = Not present.

OK	D	NI	NP		
☐	☐	☐	☐	Cracks, leaks, or other defects	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Baffles or tees intact and secure	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Outlet device	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Effluent filter	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Compartment walls	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Structural defects	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Lid and manholes, condition and fit	

☐ Refilled with water before leaving, to keep the empty tank from damage.

5 Drainfield inspection

Location (found by probing)	Approximate size

Configuration: ☐ Trench ☐ Bed

Made of: ☐ Mineral aggregate ☐ Non-mineral aggregate ☐ Plastic chambers

OK	D	NI	NP		
☐	☐	☐	☐	Previous failure indications	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Seepage or excessively lush vegetation	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Ponding water within the drainfield	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Even distribution of effluent	
☐	☐	☐	☐	Downspouts or drains toward it	

Seasonal high water table (auger), inches below grade: _____

Drainfield bottom, inches below grade: _____

6 Pumps, siphons, and alarms

☐ None present. This system has no pumps, siphons, or alarms.

		Yes	No	Notes
(a)	dosing tank integrity, approximate volume and material used in construction (i.e., concrete, fiberglass, plastic)			
(b)	pump elevated off the bottom of the chamber	☐	☐	
(c)	pump operational status			
(d)	If there is a check valve, is a purge hole present?	☐	☐	
(e)	Is there a high water alarm present	☐	☐	
(f)	Type of alarm (audio/ visual/both) and the location			
(g)	Does the alarm work?	☐	☐	
(h)	Do electrical connections appear satisfactory?	☐	☐	
(i)	Can surface water infiltrate into the tank?	☐	☐	
(j)	Indicate whether the pump tank was pumped out.	☐	☐	

7 Disclosure statements

Each checked statement applies to this system. The statements are copied from the Department Procedure.

☐ 1. When the inspector detects cracks, leaks, improper fit or other defects in the tank, manholes or lid; the report shall state that the damaged or defective item or tank be properly corrected.

☐ 2. When the inspector detects any missing or damaged component of the system, the report shall state that the missing or damaged component be replaced or an approvable replacement reinstalled in the system.

☐ 3. When the inspector detects previous failure indicators, these should be documented in the report.

☐ 4. When the inspector detects ponding of the drainfield or uneven distribution of effluent, documentation of the extent of such ponding or uneven distribution shall be included in the report.

☐ 5. When the inspector detects downspouts or other stormwater or other source of water directed toward the system, the report shall state that these sources be re-directed away from the system.

☐ 6. When the inspector detects the seasonal high water table at or above the elevation of the drainfield, the report shall state that there is an increased probability of system malfunction due to the presence of groundwater at these levels.

☐ 7. Any condition or situation existing on the site at the time of the inspection that, in the opinion of the inspector, would possibly interfere with or restrict any future repair or modification to the existing system shall be included in the report.

Not assessed because parts were left out: _____

8 Findings and recommendations

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9 Inspector's statement

"The inspection is designed to assess the condition of a system at a particular moment in time. The inspection will identify obviously substandard systems, for example systems without drainfields. The inspection is not designed to determine precise code compliance, nor provide information to demonstrate that the system will adequately serve the use to be placed upon it by this or any subsequent owner." (Rule 62-6.001(5), F.A.C.)

A copy of this written, signed report goes to the person requesting the inspection and to the owner of the system.

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Inspector signature Date