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General Maintenance Requirements for Septic Systems

Address: _____ Roll No: **3018** _____ Permit Number: **S** _____

Type of System Installed: *Standard* *Secondary* *Tertiary* Installation Date: _____

Type of Tank or Treatment Unit: _____ Maintenance Agreement Required: Yes No

Type of Leaching Bed: _____

Installation Contractor: _____ BCIN: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the following:

Please CHECK each box.

If the installed septic system requires a Maintenance Agreement, I acknowledge that the agreement can not be terminated without notifying the Chief Building Official, AND that the required maintenance for this system must be performed by a licenced testing company/licenced septic installer, AND that there is a fee for this service.

Septic tanks should be regularly pumped every **3 – 5 years or less**, although, frequency of pumping may increase depending on how heavily the system is used.

Minimum distances are required to be maintained to the septic system. **Minimum 1.5m (5ft)** from any structure (house, deck, pool, shed, etc) to the septic *tank*. **Minimum 5m (16'-5")** from any structure to the septic *bed*.

Septic beds must **not** be driven across (as this may compact the soil or crush the tiles, resulting in septic bed failure). Landscaping should be limited to areas around the septic tank only (ensure lids are accessible for pumping/maintenance), and should **not** be located on or very near the septic bed. Trees or bushes should **not** be planted on or near the septic bed (the roots can damage and block the tiles, resulting in possible bed failure).

Water usage should be monitored and used conservatively, and should **never** be excessively discharged to a septic system.

Loads of laundry should **not** be done excessively over short periods of time, but rather should be spread out throughout the course of the week, to not over load the capacity of the system (which could shorten it's lifespan)

Appliances that generate waste water (such as water softeners), sump pumps or roof leaders must **not** be connected to the septic system. Kitchen garbage grinders also must **not** be connected. Pool or hot tub water must **not** be discharged to the septic system.

The following items should **never** be added to a septic system: fats, oils, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, varnish, paint, solvents, harsh drain or toilet bowl cleaners, photography solutions, pesticides, nail polish remover, cat litter, tampons, sanitary napkins, diapers, paper towels, facial tissues, condoms, plastics, coffee grounds, egg shells, other kitchen wastes, cigarette filters, and any other similar types of waste materials.

House-hold cleaners, disinfectants, and bleach may only be used in moderation, as they impede the treatment process (which may reduce the lifespan of the septic system). Ensure to read the labels of cleaning solutions to determine if the manufacturer recommends that it may be used in conjunction with a septic system – however, these items must still be used with caution.

Grass growth must be maintained over the septic bed. Proper grading, which directs any surface water runoff away from the septic bed must be maintained. Sprinkler systems must **not** be installed in or over the septic bed area.

Please note that all septic systems do have limitations as to their use and capacity. It is the responsibility of the owner of the septic system to ensure that it is operated and maintained in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and all other applicable laws.

Name of Owner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Owner: _____