

LCRA's Most Commonly Asked Questions About PROCESS for Onsite Sewage Facilities

- Q. *Who should I call if I have questions about my septic system or the LCRA permit/inspection process?*
A. You can call the Austin Office: (512) 473-3216 or (800) 776-5272, EXT 3216.
- Q. *Does an inspection have to be done for every sale?*
A. **YES.** A system reinspection is **REQUIRED** before a license for the system operation can be issued to the new owner. LCRA does not require, but does recommend that this inspection be performed before closing on you home.
- Q. *Does the tank have to be uncovered during the inspection?*
A. Not all the time. If an inspection has been done on the system within the **LAST 5** years, you may not have to uncover the tank. Please call us to **VERIFY** if your system should be uncovered or not.
- Q. *How long does it take to get a sale inspection?*
A. You should allow about two weeks after the paperwork is submitted to the office before an onsite inspection will be made on the septic system. **NOTE:** paperwork without funds will **NOT** be processed.
- Q. *What do you take to your home closing after the system has been inspected?*
A. Once the inspection has been approved by the LCRA, a re-inspection report and an approval letter will be left at the site, along with a Form 1100, all to be given to the new owner, which he will complete and forward to the LCRA to transfer the record into his/her name.
- Q. *Who pays for the system sale inspection?*
A. Payment of inspection fees is determined **BETWEEN** the buyer and seller of the property.
- Q. *Is a construction permit required to make a repair to the septic?*
A. **NO.** A construction permit is not required **HOWEVER**, an application and fees are required to be paid and submitted to the LCRA for a request of re-inspection, after repairs have been made.
- Q. *Is an inspection necessary if a property is inherited or transferred to a family member?*
A. **YES.** **ANYTIME** a property changes ownership, whatever the reason or means, a re-inspection of the system **IS REQUIRED**.
- Q. *What is LCRA's jurisdictional area?*
A. There are maps in the application package that show the general area. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you are in the LCRA area, contact our office at (800) 776-5272 EXT 3216 to **VERIFY** your location. Verifying your location could save you valuable time and effort in the long run.
- Q. *How long does it take to get a permit to install a NEW septic system?*
A. For a "conventional" system allow two to three weeks, after the onsite inspection is performed. For a professionally designed system, allow four to five weeks, after the onsite inspection is performed.