

Septic System Pumping Record Rockport, MA

1. System Location: _____
Address

2. System Owner: _____
Name Phone

Owner's Address (if different from location)

3. Date of Pumping: ____/____/____
month day year

4. Septic Hauling Company Name and Contact Info:

5. Components and Volumes Pumped:

Cesspool(s) Septic Tank Tight Tank Grease Trap Pump Chamber Other: _____

Gallons Gallons Gallons Gallons Gallons Gallons

6. Condition of Covers (and Safety Grates, if required):

(Note: With some exceptions, most 'at-grade' covers, if they are lightweight (<90lbs), are required to have a safety grate installed immediately per Rockport Board of Health regulation. Licensed septic haulers are required to inform customers of this requirement at the time of pump out.)

Examples for completing this section:

- No covers at-grade. Tank outlet cover is concrete and below-grade (buried 9"). Safety grate not required. (Complies with regulation.)
- Cover over septic tank outlet is light-weight and at-grade. Safety grate installed today (or safety grate already in place). (Complies with reg.)
- Cover over pump chamber is light-weight and at-grade. No safety grate in place. Owner has been informed of required safety grate.
- Cover over treatment tank is light-weight and at-grade, however tank contains solid foam cubes (supports weight of a person), therefore no safety grate required. (Complies with regulation.)
- Cover over plastic / poly tank is light-weight and at-grade, however entire cover turns and threads into place, therefore no safety grate required. (Complies with regulation.)

7. Effluent Filter(s) Present: Yes No If yes, cleaned? Yes No
(Note: Effluent filters should be cleaned AFTER pumping septic tank, not before.)

8. Condition of System: _____

9. System Pumped By: _____
Hauler / Driver's Name Company Name

10. Location where contents disposed: _____

11. Signature of Hauler/Driver: _____
Date

12. Signature of Receiving Facility: _____
Date

Below are sections of the Rockport Board of Health septic system regulations pertaining to Covers at Grade, adopted October 2012.

3. Definitions

Lightweight covers – less than 90 lbs

Medium duty covers – 90 lbs minimum weight and is secure from unauthorized access.

7. Septage Hauling Reports

7.1. Septage haulers must submit to the Rockport Board of Health a “System Pumping Record” using a form that meets the requirements of Title 5 and local Board of Health regulations for each pump-out within 14 days of pumping date.

8. Covers at Grade

8.1. In order to decrease the risk of a person or animal falling into a septic tank (or similarly dangerous septic component, e.g. pump chamber, holding tank, cesspool, treatment tank, leach pit, dry well) the following regulation is enacted. Light-weight covers that require bolts or screws (or similar) to secure the cover from unauthorized access, are not allowed. The rationale for this regulation is that people do not reliably replace the bolts/screws.

8.2. Covers at grade shall be cast iron, minimum "medium duty", whether bolts are present or not. (Bolts are not required.) Inside horizontal lip shall be smaller than the cover by a minimum of 1.5" diameter (3/4" radius). Vertical lip height shall be a minimum of 50% greater than the thickness of the outside edge of the cover.

8.3. Exceptions for *continued or future use* of lightweight, bolted covers can be made if the tank is filled with sand, stone, or other filter media that would support 250 lbs.

8.4. Exceptions for *continued use* of light-weight, bolted covers can be made if a safety grate is installed. However, light-weight, bolted covers cannot be *newly installed*, even with the use of safety grates, unless 8.3 is met above.

8.5. Effective immediately, all non-conforming covers shall be retrofitted with a safety grate. Licensed septic haulers are required to inform customers of this requirement at the time of pump out.

8.6. At the time of a Title 5 septic system inspection, the inspector shall note the status of all covers to grade on a form provide by the Board of Health, and all non-conforming covers shall be retrofitted with a medium-duty cover that is affixed to the riser in a secure manner.

8.7. Light-weight covers that are secure *without* the use of bolts are allowed. For example, plastic covers in which the entire cover turns and screws into the tank or riser (e.g. certain poly tanks) are allowed.

8.8. Below-grade access covers shall be pre-cast concrete and have minimum depth of 9" soil coverage.