

SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As administered by the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority

Each municipality is required by the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt and administer an On-lot Sewage Management Program Ordinance as part of the Act 537 Program. Within these regulations [Pennsylvania Code, Title 25, Chapter 71.73 (b)(2)(i)], it is required that property owners with septic systems have their septic tanks/treatment tanks pumped at least once every three (3) years or whenever an inspection program reveals that the treatment tanks are filled with solids in excess of 1/3 of the liquid depth of the tank or with scum in excess of 1/3 of the liquid depth of the tank.

The North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority (NLTMA) administers the sewage management program for North Lebanon Township, Lebanon County. Notices are sent in the spring every three years (2017, 2020, 2023, etc.) to property owners with onlot sewage disposal systems within the township when their property is due for pumping.

Once you are in receipt of the notice, property owners should:

- Locate and mark the manhole access to the treatment tank, if known.
- Complete Section I (property information). Remember to sign the form at the owner's signature.
- Select a pumper/hauler and schedule the treatment tank pumping. Property owners must use a registered pumper/hauler from the approved list of registered pumper/haulers included in their notification letter.
- Pump treatment tank and have pumper/hauler complete the required paperwork – Section II (lower portion) of the report form included in the property owner notification letter.
- If during the pumping process, it is determined that minor or major repairs need to be done to the system, a permit must be secured through the Lebanon County Planning Department. See [“Sewage Permit Requirements for Repairs and Minor System Modifications”](#).
- Property owners should keep the yellow copy of the report form and the pumper/hauler will retain the pink copy.
- Submit the white copy of the report form to North Lebanon Township along with a thirty dollar (\$30) per lot administrative processing fee. Checks should be made payable to the **North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority**. The fee may be paid by either the property owner or the pumper/hauler.

Property owners desiring exemption from their assigned pumping cycle must request an exemption form from the Township and receive Township **written approval** of that exemption request. Examples of acceptable exemptions include having had the tank pumped within last year (one year), having a newly installed septic system within the last year, or having the tank evaluated by a qualified pumper/hauler to determine the depth of solids/scum in the tank.

Property owners wishing to use a pumper/hauler not on the approved list should have the pumper/hauler contact the Lebanon County Planning Department to apply for approval. **Sewage Management Report forms submitted by unregistered pumpers/haulers will not be accepted.**