

German-Jefferson Subordinate Service District Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners

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In response to emails received from residents in the German-Jefferson Subordinate Service District, here is information on septic systems (inspecting, designing, installing, maintaining, and/or operating).

Link to Search for State Licensed SSTS Businesses:

http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=2265

Links on Information for Septic System Owners:

- University of Minnesota's Onsite Sewage Treatment Program (OSTP) Information for Septic System Owners: <http://septic.umn.edu/owners/index.htm>
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Practitioner and Homeowner Information: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/subsurface-sewage-treatment-system-ssts/ssts-practitioner-and-homeowner-information.html>
- MPCA Factsheet on Compliance Inspections for Existing Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=5203>
- MPCA Factsheet on Vertical Separation for Existing Systems: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=5234>
- Factsheet: What is a mound and how does it work? http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/pdf/WW/publications/pipline/PL_SU99.pdf
- Le Sueur County Links:
 - Environmental Services: <http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/environmentalservices/SepticProgram.html>
 - Community Health (well program delegation): <http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/CommunityHealth.html>
 - County Board of Commissioners German-Jefferson: <http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/germanJefferson.html>
 - Link to Wenck website for Final Report and Feasibility Studies: <http://www.wenck.com/septic-inventory-project/>
- Soil Dispute Policy: Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7082.0700 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=7082.0700>) and Le Sueur County Ordinance, Section 17 (<http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/environmentalservices/ZoningOrdinance.pdf>)
- MDH Well Isolation Distances: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/construction/protect.html>

- January 2011 MPCA Report to the Minnesota Legislature on Recommendations and Planning for Statewide Inventories, Inspections of SSTS: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=15476>
- Ordinance Providing for the Inspection of Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems within the German-Jefferson Subordinate Service District (homeowner's choice of hiring a septic inspector): <http://www.co.le-sueur.mn.us/EnvironmentalServices/GermanJefferson/CNTY%20BOARD%20ORD%20NOTICE%20%20Jan2014.pdf>
- Certificates of Compliance on existing systems are valid for three years from the date of issuance.
 - A compliance inspection must be completed on an existing system servicing any property prior to being sold or transferred, unless there is a valid Certificate of Compliance on file with this Department.
 - In all **shoreland** Zoning Districts, a compliance inspection must be completed prior to any zoning permit application, Variance or Conditional Use Permit application.
 - A compliance inspection must be conducted any time this office deems appropriate, such as receiving a complaint or after information is received of system failure.
- Available loan programs to update a failing septic system:
 - Le Sueur County's Septic Upgrade Loan Program – please call 507-357-8538 for more information.
 - Le Sueur County Soil and Water Conservation District's Ag BMP Loan Program – please call 507-357-4879 for more information.
 - Minnesota Valley Action Council's Fix-Up Fund – please call 800-767-7139 and ask for Housing for more information.
- **If you have questions regarding the septic system that services your property, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 507-357-8538.**