



## **ABANDONMENT OF SEPTIC TANKS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

A septic tank and its components such as dosing tanks, and/or pretreatment tanks that remain in the ground after a house has been connected to the sanitary sewer will pose a future safety hazard unless they are properly abandoned. The abandonment must take place at the same time that the building sewer is installed. The job cannot be approved until the septic tank is abandoned, inspected and approved.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Have the septic tank and any other components pumped out first by a registered septic tank hauler. If there is a need to remove any solid materials such as filter media or any other STS components, these must be taken to an approved solid waste disposal facility.

With a backhoe or similar equipment, crush the top of the septic tank and at least one side to prevent containment of water in the abandoned tank. The pieces of the lid and side may be pushed into the septic tank. Fill the tank with clean fill materials such as sand, pea gravel, or similar material. Take care to fill the tank slowly, forcing any remaining liquid out into the leach field. Leave extra fill material piled a little higher than the surrounding grade to compensate for settling.

Any person who abandons an STS system shall notify the board of health in writing that the STS has been properly abandoned and shall provide the following information:

- 1) The owner and location of the abandoned STS and the date it was abandoned.
- 2) The name of the registered septage hauler and the name of the individual that performed the STS abandonment.
- 3) The manner in which the tank and other components were abandoned or removed.

All questions should be directed to the Plumbing Division 937-374-5677 or 937-374-5678 or the Environmental Health Division 937-374-5606, 937- 426-6351, or 1-866-858-3588.