

# DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL SEWERAGE SYSTEMS/PRIVATE WATER WELLS

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Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIVATE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

**SELLER OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE:** Complete this disclosure document if city, town, or municipality waste treatment does **not** serve the property described herein.

Improperly treated or partially treated residential sewage poses significant risks to human health and to the environment. Untreated or poorly treated water contains parasites, bacteria, and viruses that cause serious disease. D.H.H Title 51, Subsection 707 states: "Individual sewerage systems shall be kept in service and in serviceable condition sufficient to ensure compliance with this code and in order to avoid creating or contributing to a nuisance or public health hazard."

### HEALTH HAZARDS AND DISEASES

**Gastroenteritis** – severe inflammation of the intestines that may cause severe vomiting and diarrhea leading to dehydration.

**Severe infection** – result of contact with untreated water where there are cuts or abrasions on the skin.

**Hepatitis** – serious infection of the liver that can lead to long term illness.

A residential sewerage treatment system that is not properly operated or maintained may also result in the pooling of improperly treated water at the surface. **Health risks also exist from mosquito infestations that may cause West Nile Virus, Encephalitis, and other diseases. Improperly operating systems may be subject to fines and penalties under Louisiana law.**

1. Sewerage treatment is supplied by:  
 Private Utility     Onsite System     None     Not Known

2. If there is an onsite system, is it permitted by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)?  
 Yes     No     Not Known

*You can follow the link to contact your local Parish Health Unit for all of the information below.*  
<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/394>

3. List of Current Installers and Maintenance Providers: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2082>

4. If there is an onsite system, it is:  
 Septic Tank w/field lines     Aerobic Treatment Unit     Septic tank w/Oxidation Pond     Other  
 Not Known

a. Is there more than one system on the property, e.g. guest house, outbuildings, barns, etc.?  
 Yes     No     Not Known

*If yes, answer all questions for each system on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this addendum.*

5. What is the approximate age of the system? \_\_\_\_\_ (# \_\_\_\_\_)     Not Known

- a. The original permit was issued by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).  Not Known  
*(Typically, a non-permitted system of any type is illegal, regardless of age or type.)*
- b. The system was last inspected by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).  
 Not Known
- c. Is an inspection report attached?  Yes  No
- d. Has the health department inspected the system?  Yes  No  Not Known
- e. If **yes**, on what date was the inspection? \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
6. The system was last pumped out when? \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
7. Is the system an ***Aerobic Treatment Unit***?  Yes  No  Not Known
- a. If yes, name the manufacturer. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The name of the manufacturer may be located on the data plate on the tank, compressor, or control box.)*
- b. If yes, do you have an ongoing maintenance agreement with a licensed maintenance provider?  
 Yes  No  Not Known  
*(D.H.H. Title 51, Appendix A, Section A:6, 12 requires that perpetual maintenance be provided on Individual Mechanical Sewerage Treatment Plants.)*
8. What type of discharge is used?  
 Surface Drainage  Drain-Field  Spray Irrigation  Artificial Drain-Field  Drip Disposal  
 Over Land Surface Flow  Below Ground Pipe to Ditch or Stream  Not Known  
*(D.H.H. Title 51, Subsection 717 prohibits the discharge of the effluent from septic tanks into street gutters, surface ditches or streams.)*
9. If the discharge is from over land flow or from a pipe, where does it drain?  
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10. What type of tank is used?  
 Metal  Concrete  Fiberglass  Other  Not Known
11. Does the system have a compressor/aerator?  Yes  No  Not Known
- a. If yes, where is it located? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If yes, is it in working order?  Yes  No  Not Known

## PRIVATE WATER WELLS

### Inspection

In Louisiana, private water wells are largely unregulated, leaving property owners responsible for any maintenance, care, or testing of their wells. Further, lenders may require varying testing and inspection(s)

of wells for real estate transfers. Accordingly, Buyers are advised to ask their lender whether an inspection(s) or other testing is required as a condition of financing. Additional information regarding private water well testing and the Louisiana Private Well Initiative may be found by calling 1-888-293-7020 or at: [Louisiana Well Owner Network](#).

### Registration

Newly constructed and other water wells are typically required by law to be registered with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation (“Department”), within certain time periods following construction completion. Additionally, the Department encourages owners of older, reworked wells and / or un-registered water wells, which were constructed prior to November 1, 1985, to contact the agency regarding well registration. Additional information can be found at: [Office of Conservation](#).