

## FIRST MAINTENANCE INSPECTION NOTICE

Dear Property Owner,

As you may be aware the Town's Onsite Wastewater Management Ordinance requires initial inspections of every homeowner's septic system. The time has come for you to have a First Maintenance Inspection performed on your septic system. It will be the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for and to schedule a First Maintenance Inspection. Homeowners must contact one of the town-approved inspectors, found on the enclosed sheet, to perform the inspection. **Homeowners, have 45 days from the date of this notice to have this inspection performed. The ISDS Inspector MUST enter the inspection report into the Town's database by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

The Inspector will perform the following tasks to your individual sewage disposal system (ISDS):

- Measure the solid accumulation in the septic tank
- Examine the structural condition of the system
- Determine the size and type of septic tank
- Determine the age of the system
- Assess the overall function of the system
- Recommend pumping if needed
- Identify a routine maintenance schedule

Enclosed you will find a list of town-approved ISDS inspectors. It is recommended that homeowners get quotes from more than one inspector. Homeowners should check with the inspector and pumper to make sure they record all inspection and maintenance activities into the town's database. Some inspectors will offer a discount if you pump and inspect at the same time. Pump-outs are recommended but not required as part of the First Maintenance Inspection.

Watertight access risers and effluent filters are recommended on existing septic tanks and are required on all newly constructed ISDS. The effluent filter can protect your drainfield from clogging with solids, and the access risers will provide greater ease in accessing your tank at the time of the next inspection or pump out.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection process please feel free to contact my office. Noncompliance with the wastewater management ordinance may result in monetary penalties to the property owner.

Sincerely,

Onsite Wastewater Specialist