

Charlestown's Maintenance Requirements

Type of Inspection	Details
First Maintenance Inspection (FMI)	Pumping is required to assess tank's condition.
Routine Maintenance Inspection (RMI)	As needed, every 1 to 5 years. Determined by service provider and system's condition.
Change of Ownership	Similar to FMI.
Point of Sale	Required by many mortgage companies for loan approval, but the Town is not involved.

What Type of System Do You Have?

Conventional septic system




Inspections are required every one to five years, based on system condition, use, and previous inspection results. Determined by the service provider and approved by the specialist.

Inspection Flexibility

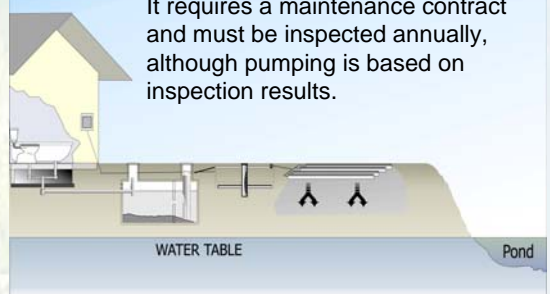
If you have a conventional septic system, how often you have it inspected can be adjusted to match the need for pumping, which is determined by usage. However, tanks must be pumped at least once every six years.

Cesspool



It must be inspected and pumped annually prior to replacement before 2009. If it is failed, it must be replaced *immediately*.

Advanced septic system



It requires a maintenance contract and must be inspected annually, although pumping is based on inspection results.

What Do the Inspection Results Mean?



You have a standard system in good condition. A schedule for future inspection and pumping will be established by the service provider, based on system condition and use.



Your system requires repair or replacement. You have 60 days to apply for a permit from the DEM. This is part of the designer's responsibility. The Wastewater Specialist has information to assist the property owner with choosing a designer and/or installer.



You have a cesspool. It is sub-standard and must be replaced by 2009. If it is a failed system, it must be replaced with a functioning septic system *immediately*.