County of Goliad

Environmental Services Department

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Public Notice

In re: Maintenance, Testing, and Routine Service for Aerobic Septic Systems in Goliad County

At a meeting of the Goliad County Commissioners Court, on February 9th, 2009, the Court accepted the State of Texas's standards to allow homeowners in Goliad County to maintain their aerobic septic systems after the initial two-year maintenance contract with a licensed sanitarian has expired. The following are guidelines that must be followed for a homeowner to maintain an aerobic treatment system:

- Must receive training prior to doing your own maintenance inspections.
- Three inspections should be performed (at least one every four months) over a one-year period and repeated and reported on the *Aerobic Septic System Inspection Report* (attached) that can be obtained in the office of the Goliad County Judge or on the county website, on the Environmental Department tab.
- During inspections, any component found not functioning should be repaired or replaced.
- An effluent quality inspection, consisting of a visual check for color, turbidity, scum overflow, and examination for odors.
- A test for chlorine residual and pH should be taken and reported. Maintaining the chlorine tablets and/or liquid chlorine bleach correctly is the homeowner's responsibility. The chlorine tube must always contain chlorine tablets and/or liquid chlorine bleach in a proper operating condition.
- After inspection, reporting forms should be mailed to:

> Goliad County Environmental Department
>   Attn: Sarah Ontiveros
> P.O. Box 677
> Goliad, Texas 77963
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> Or emailed to sontiveros@goliadcountytx.gov

Failure to maintain your aerobic septic system properly can result in failure, which can lead to expensive repairs, as well as damage to the environment, which can lead to fines.

Any questions regarding aerobic septic systems permitting should be addressed to the office of the Goliad County Judge, at 361-645-3337