

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
APPLICATION FOR PUMPING OF SEPTIC TANKS**

Instructions: This application is to be completed and signed by both the Property Owner and the Plumbing Inspector before the contractor may pump out the septic tank(s). This authorization is not transferable. An application must be completed for each separate system.

Location of Property: Tax Map _____ Lot _____

Street Address/Village: _____

Type of Structure:

Single Family

Mobile Home

Multiple Family

Other (specify) _____

Capacity of Tank(s) in Gallons: _____ **Date of Last Pumping:** _____

Owner's Statement: I, _____, am the owner of the above property and am requesting the Town of Mount Desert to pump out and dispose of the contents of the septic tank(s) in the subsurface wastewater disposal system located at the above described property. I agree to hold the Town of Mount Desert blameless and free of all liability for any occurrence(s) in the performance of this service. Prior to the Plumbing Inspector examining the tanks(s) to determine if there is a need for pumping, I understand that I am responsible for uncovering all openings, cleanout cover holes, or access manholes in the septic tank(s), and to provide proper access to the tank(s) for the pumping contractor's vehicle.

Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Owner's Mailing Address: _____

Owner's Phone #: _____

Sketch: Please draw a simple sketch of the property and include the location of the septic tank(s), the location of any building(s), and approximate distances that will help to fix the location of the tank(s).

Plumbing Inspector's Statement: I, _____, Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Mount Desert certify that after inspection, I find that the septic tank(s) in the wastewater disposal system need to be pumped and recommend such action. If pumping is not recommended, I give the following reason(s):

Plumbing Inspector's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Town of Mount Desert Rules and Regulations Relative to Septic Tanks

The following Rules and Regulations relative to the pumping out and disposal of sewage from septic tanks are put forth by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on June 30, 1987, and amended by the Board of Selectmen on May 2, 1994 and April 21, 1997

Rule 1 The owner of the property requesting pumping of the septic tanks(s) shall be responsible for uncovering all openings, cleanout cover holes or access manholes in the septic tanks(s) so that the Plumbing Inspector or other assigned personnel may inspect the tank(s) to determine if there is a need for pumping. The owner shall restore the covering.

Rule 2 The owner of the property where the septic tanks(s) is to be pumped shall provide suitable access and agree to hold the Town of Mount Desert blameless and free of all liability for any occurrence(s) in the performance of this service. The owner shall indicate on the application all hazardous or dangerous conditions near the septic tank(s).

Rule 3 The Town will not pump out and dispose of sewage from a septic tank more often than every four (4) years. Pumping out and disposal of septage is intended as a maintenance service and is to be scheduled, on a first-come basis, from May 15 to October 15. Pumping out and disposal may be a matter of emergency, in which case Town policy is to pump out and dispose without regard to time of year.

Rule 4 If the contract for the pumping out and disposal of sewage from septic tank(s) cannot be awarded, due to the lack of two or more bidders, the practice shall cease until a minimum of two bidders can be obtained through newspaper advertisements and/or other practical methods.

Rule 5 If the Plumbing Inspector, or other designated person, does not approve the pumping of the septic tank(s), they shall set forth on the application the specific reason(s) for the denial.