



## ***STS Contractors***

### **REGISTERED CONTRACTORS**

**Installers** - Installers perform the excavation/construction work to complete a STS installation that requires an installation permit for a new or replacement system or an alteration.

**Service Providers** - Service providers perform routine repair and maintenance work that does not require a permit, such as replacing a sump pump, replacing a decayed distribution box, replacing a clogged or broken pipe, cleaning filters, stocking/maintaining disinfection units, repairing/replacing aeration motors, adjusting settings on mechanical components, etc.

**Septage Haulers** - Septage haulers pump the contents of the septic tanks and transport the waste to a licensed wastewater treatment plant or an agricultural property where the waste is used as a nutrient resource for non-food crops.

### **Other STS Contractors**

There are other contracting professionals who do not require registration with Summit County Public Health (SCPH). SCPH provides a listing of contractors who have notified our agency as to their availability to perform these services; however, SCPH does not list these companies and individuals as a recommendation and cannot warrant or guarantee their quality or ability to perform the service. These contractors include the following :

#### ***Soil Evaluators***

A soil evaluator examines the soil and site conditions of a parcel of land to determine suitability of the site for a STS and to determine the general sizing requirements of a STS. The Health District provides this service as part of the Soil & Site Evaluation which is included in the fee; however, an applicant may choose to contract with a soil scientist for the initial review (SCPH fee is not discounted) or the applicant may hire a soil scientist as a second opinion when the applicant feels that SCPH's evaluation was inappropriately strict.

#### ***Designers***

Once a site has been evaluated a designer may work with the home owner to identify the various STS design types that fit the site conditions. The designer would then draft a scale drawing of the proposed design and submit the design to SCPH for review and approval. Several installers provide this service as well as engineering and surveying companies.

#### ***Real Estate Transfer Inspectors***

Homes with a septic system must have a service provider, registered with SCPH (or a SCPH sanitarian) conduct the evaluation prior to transfer. Inspections on private water systems must be conducted by a private water system contractor registered with the Ohio Department of Health (or a SCPH sanitarian). A list of registered contractors is provided on the SCPH website.