

2011 Aeration Inspections: Green, Colerain, Springfield, Harrison, Liberty, Jefferson, Franklin Townships

During 2011, sanitarians from the Ross County Health District's Environmental Health Division will be conducting tri-annual aeration inspections in Green, Colerain, Springfield, Harrison, Liberty, Jefferson, and Franklin townships.

The homeowner or property owner is responsible for the proper working of the aeration system. Any system found to be non-working will be required to be functioning correctly within 60 days. The initial inspection fee of \$27 will be charged to the homeowner at the end of the month. If a re-inspection of a non-working system is needed, a re-inspection fee of \$25 will also be charged.

Homeowners need to check the control panel box, electrical breakers, the motor or air compressor, and any other working parts to ensure that every component is working before the inspection takes place. Also, debris and vegetation on or around the unit must be removed prior to the inspection. The homeowner is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the septic system. All septic system tanks need to be pumped or cleaned every three-to-five years by a registered tank cleaner to ensure proper maintenance and performance.

The tri-annual aeration inspection program has been in existence since 1990. All discharging aerators installed prior to 1990 were added to the list in 1997 through Ross County Board of Health Resolution #78-97. Every year 650-700 discharging aeration systems are inspected by health district sanitarians. This program helps not only the homeowner, but ensures that our county waterways and drinking water sources remain clean and healthy.

If a homeowner has a question concerning the inspection program, or wishes to arrange an appointment time, they may call the Environmental Health Office at 775-1158, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

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