

## **2010 Aeration Inspections: Buckskin, Concord, Deerfield, Paint, Paxton, Twin and Union Townships**

During 2010, sanitarians from the Ross County Health District's Environmental Health Division will be conducting the tri-annual aeration inspections in Buckskin, Concord, Deerfield, Paint, Paxton, Twin and Union townships. The inspections will begin in late February or March, depending on weather conditions.

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 30 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 be charged as well.

Homeowners need to check the control panel box, electric breakers, the motor or air compressor and any working part to make certain that every component is working before the inspection takes place. Also, any debris or 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 septic tank cleaner to ensure proper maintenance.

The tri-annual aeration inspection program has been in existence since 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 water-ways and 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 740-775-1158, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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