



ABANDONING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

When it is necessary to abandon a septic system or any of its components, *in place*, the *State Septic Code (NJAC 7:9A)* requires all septic tanks, dosing tanks, seepage pits, dry wells and cesspools to be emptied of waste and filled completely with gravel, sand or soil.

Whether connecting to the municipal sanitary sewer or replacing an existing septic system, the following procedures must be followed:

1. A *Septic Abandonment Permit Application*, with the fee of **\$100.00** must be submitted to the Mahwah Health Department for review, along with a **copy** of an *approved* Soil Movement Permit Application (issued by the Planning/Zoning Department with the fee paid to the Zoning Department.)
2. Upon receipt and approval of the above permit applications, the Health Department will issue a *Septic Abandonment Permit*. The fee, paid to the Mahwah Health Department, is **\$50.00**.
3. An inspector from the Health Department must witness the abandonment process. Please call, in advance, to schedule an appointment. Call 201-529-5757 ext. 286 or 212.