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Onsite Sewage System – Seeding and Landscaping Agreement

Seeding of the entire system upon completion is very important. The lack of a grass cover on the system may lead to erosion by wind or rain that can compromise the system and possibly lead to premature failure. After final inspection, it is recommended that seeding occur immediately. Winter wheat or fescue can serve as an intermediary before the final choice of grass is seeded. If seeding is not possible after the final inspection, the entire absorption field should be covered with straw or otherwise protected from damage.

Further, it is of up most importance that proper soil cover be maintained on the system. Additional soil cover is required on most systems. This cover should be good (top) soil. The additional top soil cover capped the system and protects it from exposure and possible failure. The inspection by the Health Department will require that the cover is a minimum of 12 inches above the absorption line. An installer may only provide a rough cover on the system or may offer an entire finished system. If the homeowner conducts the finish grading, they must be careful to not remove any of the soil cover and to not cause any excessive compaction. Any damage done to the system after the installer leaves or the final inspection is done is the homeowner’s responsibility.

Agreement:

I, _____, the homeowner, will do the finish grading.

I, _____, the homeowner, will seed the onsite sewage system.

OR

I, _____, the installer, will do the final grading.

I, _____, the installer, will seed the onsite sewage system.

This agreement must be completed and returned with the design submittal before a permit will be issued.

_____ Owner

_____ Installer

_____ Date

_____ Date