



DECOMMISSIONING SEPTIC TANKS AND LEACH DRAINS

The requirements to decommission an apparatus for the treatment of sewage are as follows:

Where a premises is connected to a sewer, the owner of those premises shall decommission any apparatus when-

- ❖ there is a change in use of the premises;
- ❖ the property is sold (within 60 days after change of ownership);
- ❖ extensions to the property encroach on set-back requirements for the system.

- ❖ To decommission an apparatus you must either:
 - ❖ pump out and remove the tanks and leach drains from the ground; OR
 - ❖ pump out, break the base of the tanks, break the lids of the leach drains and backfill with clean compactable fill. *

** Please note that when decommissioning effluent disposal systems as part of a subdivision application the septic tanks and leach drains are required to be removed in their entirety.*

It is important that you contact the Shire's Health Service to arrange an inspection **prior to backfilling** and so that correct decommissioning may be verified and recorded.

Further information can be obtained from Council's Health Service on 9257 9999.