



## MEMORANDUM

Dated July 7, 2003

TO: Real Estate Community  
Lending Institutions

FROM: Barton County Environmental Management Division

RE: Policy Changes for Lender Evaluations Effective July 7, 2003

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Please accept this memorandum as a policy change for all Lender Evaluations conducted by the Barton County Environmental Management Division after July 1, 2003.

Per this policy change, a formal request form must be completed on all Lender Evaluations. Please use the updated form as will be provided by the Environmental Management Division.

For all properties without permits on file for septic systems, and/or for all properties where the septic systems are more than ten years old, the tank must be pumped out and an inspection conducted. This inspection must be done from start to finish of the pump-out. We recommend that you have an order put in with a licensed wastewater hauler, asking that they contact the Environmental Management Division to schedule the inspection. This inspection is being done to verify the size, type, and condition of the tank, as well as to verify that the lateral field and/or brick pit does not "back-pressure" to the septic tank. If any portion of this inspection does not "pass," upgrades will be required before the report will be approved.

For all properties with permits on file for septic systems, and if less than ten years old, the tank will need to be pumped out by a licensed wastewater hauler and a receipt provided to Barton County showing the size, type, and condition of the tank. This needs to be done unless documentation is provided showing that the tank was pumped within the last three years. An actual receipt from the wastewater hauler will be necessary. Note, a copy of a check is not a receipt. For these properties, County staff does not need to be present for the pump-out.

Additional requirements will include a visual inspection of all basements and/or crawl spaces to verify the location that the plumbing exits the home. There will also be visual inspections of all clean-outs and risers wherever they are present.

For all properties that have been vacated for "any" amount of time, then in addition to the above requirements, a cautionary statement will be included with the report stating that due to the fact that the property has been vacant, it is advised that caution be shown toward the septic system.

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For any property that has “distressed” vegetation around the septic system, a cautionary statement will be included regarding the septic system. This is not to be confused with actual surfacing sewage. The presence of “distressed” vegetation is a sign that the septic system is problematic. Surfacing sewage is evidence of a “failed” septic system.

Barton County licensed wastewater haulers are aware of the requirements for having tanks pumped out. They are aware that County staff must be present before they begin a pump-out. They are also aware that the County recommends contact with the haulers to order a pump-out and that they will need to schedule the inspection with this office. The haulers know that receipts of all future pump-outs will be required.

You must communicate to the wastewater hauler if the tank needs an inspection or not. Please call this office at 620-796-4300 on any property and we will conduct a file search for past permits and tell you immediately if an inspection of the tank is necessary.

The County does recommend that inspections be completed as soon as possible. It will place the seller in a better position if he/she is aware of how their property will be rated and what may be involved in the sale.

The current fee schedule affective January 1, 2016, as adopted by the Barton County Commission on August 17, 2015, is:

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Septic System Permit Fee	\$100.00
Water Well Permit Fee	\$60.00
<i>Lender Evaluation Fees</i>	
Full Inspection – Water Well Evaluation, Septic Evaluation and Water Test	\$140.00
Partial Inspection – Water Well Evaluation Only	\$110.00
Partial Inspection – Septic System Evaluation Only	\$70.00
Partial Inspection – <b>Septic System &amp; Water Well Evaluation Only</b>	\$110.00
Re-visit Inspection	\$35.00
<i>Water Testing Fees</i>	
Chloride (Cl)	\$15.00
Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> )	Free
Coliform Bacteria <sup>1</sup> (Biological)	\$20.00 <sup>1</sup>
Fecal Coliform <sup>2</sup> (Biological)	\$20.00 <sup>2</sup>
Nitrate Nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> -N)	\$15.00
Daycare Inspection Fee	\$50.00

Should you have any questions contact Judy Goreham Environmental Manager or Mark Cooper, Environmental Field Technician, at the Barton County Environmental Management Division 1400 Main Street – Room 208, Great Bend, Kansas 67530. The office phone number is (620) 796-4300. You may also email questions or comments to [jgoreham@bartoncounty.org](mailto:jgoreham@bartoncounty.org) or [mcooper@bartoncounty.org](mailto:mcooper@bartoncounty.org) .

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