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Subject: Operation and Maintenance of Household Sewage Treatment Systems
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Property Owner:

This letter is an outreach tool to help educate property owners within the City of Groveport regarding their Household Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS). You may or may not receive this letter because it is likely you are not connected to a public sanitary sewer collection system network and instead have an HSTS on your parcel that could be a septic tank and leach field, or an on-lot Advanced Treatment Unit, commonly being an aeration tank with discharge of treated sewage to the open ground. Two agencies regulate these systems, and help to provide information to owners of these systems, which are privately owned, operated and maintained. These agencies include the State of Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Franklin County Public Health Department.

The ODH sewage treatment system operational and maintenance guide is available to you as a tool to assist with the proper operation of your household sewage treatment system. Depending on the size of your family and capacity of your septic tank, the ODH recommends that your septic tank be pumped about every two to four years. Aeration tank systems treat domestic sewage by settling solids in a separate compartment and then aerating the sewage by mixing with a blower motor. The blower motor should be monitored frequently to ensure it remains operational or raw sewage will be directly discharged to the environment. Preventative maintenance of an aeration system would involve pumping of the tank and inspecting the blower motor mechanical components. A review these informational materials, and the Operational and Maintenance guide for additional maintenance tips, will help to prolong the life of your system.

The following websites provide helpful information:

Franklin County Public Health www.myfcph.org/wqs
Ohio Department of Health www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/sewage/sewage1.aspx

If you believe you have an aeration tank system with an unknown discharge or need additional assistance please notify the City. Your assistance to help protect public health and the environment is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at 614-836-5301.

Sincerely,
City of Groveport

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