



Making repairs to components of your septic system after a Title 5 Inspection

I had a Title 5 inspection done on my septic system and it passed the inspection but it needs a repair, now what do I do?

The Title 5 system inspector must provide a copy of the report to the Health Department and they will also provide you with the results and what type of repair needs to be done. If your Title 5 inspection report says you need to replace a septic tank, distribution box (dbox), or a pipe the process is simple. Note: If your septic system failed the inspection then please refer to: Homeowners guide for septic system replacement.

Why is the Health Department involved? Authority of the Board of Health

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection authorizes the legally designated local health authorities in cities and towns to enforce the provisions of Title 5 of the State Environmental Code (Septic System Regulations), and to adopt its own regulations as the Board of Health deems necessary. In order to repair a septic system component it is required via these State Regulations, and Local Regulations, that a permit (known as a Disposal Works Construction Permit) be obtained from the Health Department.

What you need to do to repair your septic system component

1. Hire a septic system installer from our list of licensed installers on the Health Department website.
2. Apply for a permit to do the work, and submit the application and fee to the Health Department. Permit application forms are on the Health Department website
3. The installer will do the repair work and set up an inspection with the Health Agent/inspector.
4. Once the inspection is completed then the installer will need to submit an "as-built"
5. Once the as-built is received then the Health Department is able to process the review and then sign a certificate of compliance. The certificate of compliance is the document you will need.