



Mackinac Island State Park Commission
Policy

Septic Tanks and Septic Drain Fields in Mackinac Island State Park

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Preamble

In order to ensure the public health and safety within Mackinac Island State Park, it is imperative that all septic tanks and septic drain fields be constructed and maintained in accordance with state and county regulations. Furthermore, every effort should be made to utilize the existing municipal sewage treatment system.

General Policy

Permits for construction are required prior to construction of any septic tank or drain field.

1. State projects. A letter of approval shall be obtained from the Michigan Public Health Department.
2. Lessees on state land. A permit must be obtained from the Mackinac County Health Department in St. Ignace.

A copy of the permit and site plan shall be given to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission. The Permit must be on file prior to the park approving any construction.

In applying for a permit the following special concerns must be addressed:

1. Every effort must be made to connect with the municipal sewer. If the distance is less than 200 feet the connection must be made.
2. No septic drain field may be constructed or maintained in an area under a horse corral.
3. No vehicle traffic is permitted over a drain field.
4. Drain fields may not be closer than 10 feet from the property line or a building.

Maintenance of a septic tank and drain field.

1. All state-owned facilities must be inspected and pumped annually.
2. All private facilities must be inspected at least ever two years and pumped if necessary, at owner's expense.