

Section 18 – Licensed System Cleaners

1. General Requirements

- a. Any person engaged in the cleaning or pumping of septic tanks, vaults, holding tanks, or other components of an OWTS or transporting sewage to a disposal site must be a Licensed System Cleaner from the Clear Creek Environmental Health Department. Employees of a Licensed System Cleaner need not be individually licensed. It is the responsibility of the Licensed System Cleaner to ensure that all employees working on an OWTS are fully competent to clean or pump the system under their company license.
- b. An applicant for a Systems Cleaner License shall pass a test that demonstrates knowledge of these Regulations. A passing grade on the licensure test, shall be valid only as long as the person passing the test remains employed by the Licensed System Installer. Full fees must be submitted pursuant to Section 3.10.
- c. The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A license that lapses because of failure to renew or is revoked, or suspended, shall be subject to the fee established for a new license upon re-application. If the date of re-application is more than one year after the date the license expired, the applicant shall also be required to comply with Section 3.10.

2. Licensed System Cleaner Minimum Requirements

- a. Remove the liquid, sludge, and scum from all compartments of the tank, leaving no more than a three inches of sludge in the bottom of the tank;
- b. Inspect the tees, baffles, aerator unit, pumps, alarms, filters, siphons, and other internal or external components of the tank(s) being pumped and notify the property owner if any of these components are damaged or missing;
- c. Inspect and clean any filters or other device which require routine maintenance and cleaning, if necessary;
- d. Maintain their equipment so that no spills occur during pumping or transportation and that their employees are not subjected to health hazards from exposure to the sewage;
- e. Dispose of the collected sewage only at sites approved by the Clear Creek Environmental Health Department, such as a permitted wastewater treatment plants; and
- f. Maintain records of the activities completed as required in this section, including the volume of septage pumped, date and address for each septic tank pumped, and the date and disposal site for all collected sewage. The health officer may require a Systems Cleaner to provide documentation regarding their disposal methods and practices.
- g. Prior to pumping any tank or any other component the System Cleaner shall observe to see if the liquid level within the tank is either above or below the inlet or outlet inverts and note this condition on their inspection report as an indication that the STA may either be saturated or the tank may be leaking.

3. License Revocation and Suspension

- a. The Board of Health may revoke or suspend a System Cleaner License for failure to comply with these Regulations.
- b. Revocation or suspension shall take place only after a hearing before the Board of Health. The Licensed System Cleaner shall be given no less than ten days' written notice of the hearing sent by personal service or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The written notice shall specify the violations which are pertinent to the hearing. A Licensed System Cleaner shall stop all work until the Board of Health reaches a decision after the hearing.
- c. The Licensed System Cleaner will be given written notice of the decision and findings of the Board of Health. If the Board of Health finds violations, the written notice of decision will specify the violations to the Licensed System Cleaner. Such notices will be given to the Licensed System Cleaner by personal service or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.
- d. A suspended license will be reinstated after completion of the suspension period that was determined by the Board of Health, not to exceed six months, at which time the Licensed System Cleaner will be given written notice of the reinstatement of their license. Such notices will be given to the Licensed System Installer by personal service or registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The license shall still expire at the end of the one year period stated on the license.
- e. A Licensed System Cleaner may reapply for a new license after revocation only after the System Cleaner has demonstrated to the health officer the conditions that caused the revocation have been corrected or rectified.