

COLORADO COUNTY ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF) PERMITTING PROCESS

- 1) The landowner **MUST** apply for and complete an **On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Permit**. These permits are available at the **Colorado County Permit Office**, 305 Radio Lane, Room 108, Columbus, Texas 78934, or on Colorado County's website: co.colorado.tx.us.
- 2) After completion of the application for a permit and payment of permitting fees (**\$250** for Residential and **\$350** for Commercial), the landowner **MUST** have a **Soil Survey** and **Site Evaluation** completed by a licensed site evaluator, registered sanitarian or registered engineer. A list of those individuals that work in Colorado County and licensed by the State of Texas is available when the permit is obtained.
- 3) Once the soil and site evaluations are completed, the result of those analyses are used to determine what type of On-Site Sewage Facility System (OSSF) is best suited for your location. If the soil and site evaluation determine that your location will require a system other than one of the standard gravity flow type systems, then a system that is suitable for your specific location **MUST** be designed by a registered engineer or a registered sanitarian.
- 4) When it is determined what type of system will be acceptable for your location, the site evaluation, soil survey, system design and all other planning materials **MUST** be submitted to the Colorado County Permit Office for **EVALUATION** and **APPROVAL**.
- 5) Once all the planning materials are submitted and approved, then a **Permit to Construct** will be issued to the installer and construction of your **On-Site Sewage Facility(OSSF) System** can begin.
- 6) The installer **MUST** notify the Colorado County Permit Office of the completion of the system and request a time and date for the final inspection and approval of the system. The installer **cannot** cover the system before the final inspection.
- 7) After the system is inspected and **NO DISCREPANCIES** are found in the construction of the system, the installer can cover the system and a final permit will be issued to the landowner.
- 8) State Law **requires** maintenance contracts on surface irrigation and spray aerobic systems for **Two Years**.

9) Should the landowner encounter any problems with their On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) System, they should contact the INSTALLER that installed the system or another similarly qualified INSTALLER or TECHNICIAN to ascertain what the problem is and make the necessary repairs or arrangements to replace the existing On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) System as soon as possible. Permits are required.

10) CONTACT THE COLORADO COUNTY PERMIT OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS at 979/732-2435.

PERMITS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.