

ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSWAP)

- (1) The program can only be used for existing systems which have either failed or are a non-compliant system (drains into the road ditch, tile, etc.).
- (2) Rural sites only: The program can not be used in incorporated towns. (Cities are expected to provide for its citizens.)
- (3) Must be able to obtain a loan at one of the participating banks.
- (4) A pre-construction plan must be submitted to the bank loan officer. This form is available at the Cedar County Environmental Health Department or the participating bank.
- (5) Requirements of the pre-construction plan which must be filed with the bank loan officer:
 - a. Name, address and phone number(s)
 - b. Property address, if different than above
 - c. Legal description of the property
 - d. Type of building
 - e. Soil analysis and/or percolation test
 - f. Planned onsite wastewater system and maintenance plan

It will be necessary that a Cedar County Environmental Health Department representative meet with the property owner at the site. It is strongly recommended that the property owners and sewer contractor also be present. After this meeting, a soil evaluation/percolation test will be performed.

A partially completed Private Sewage Disposal System application and the Notice of Pre-Construction Plan will be provided to the property owner. These forms will be taken to the contractor for completion and then returned to the Environmental Health Department for approval.

The completed Notice of Pre-Construction Plan, as well as a county construction permit and copy of the approved application, would then be taken to the bank loan officer.

It is important that the loan application be processed prior to the system being constructed.