

Ejectors

Q: What are the setback distances for a sewage ejector?

A: A sewage ejector needs to be setback at least:

60m (200ft) from an occupied dwelling

60m (200ft) from a water course

60m (200ft) from a cut or embankment

60m (200ft) from a market garden

60m (200ft) from a well

60m (200ft) from a property boundary

460m (1500ft) the boundary of city, town, village or hamlet

Q: I'm interested in purchasing a property, is the existing Ejector system grandfathered?

A: No, "grandfathering" does not exist in the law. Prior to transfer of land, a sewage ejector must be decommissioned or be eligible for and be granted a certificate of exemption to retain the ejector.

Q: Can I still install ejectors in the Province, if not what are my options?

A: No, new ejectors cannot be installed in Manitoba. Holding tanks or disposal fields can be installed.

Q: What are the minimum requirements to be eligible to retain a sewage ejector?

A: The ejector must comply with the requirements listed in Schedule E of the Regulation. Of principal concern is that the property be at least 4 hectares (10 acres) in size and meet the required setback distances. Contact your local environment officer to discuss your specific situation.

Q: Who is responsible for the sewage ejector during a property transfer?

A: The seller of the property is. The regulation requires the ejector to be decommissioned or be issued a certificate of exemption before a property transfer takes place. Alternatively, the buyer and the seller can complete an "assumption of responsibility" application and then the buyer becomes responsible to decommission the ejector within two years.

Q: My ejector is on a yard split of 5 acres, can I get a certificate of exemption for it?

A: Possibly. Under previous Departmental policy variances were issued to ejectors on 5 acre lots if they were subdivided from the original 80 acre parcel and if the ejector was otherwise in compliance with the setbacks other than to a property boundary to the agricultural land. You must have a copy of the original variance.

Q: Can I get an extension if I am not able to decommission my sewage ejector within two years after assuming responsibility to decommission the system?

A: There are no provisions in the regulation to allow this.

Q: Do certificate of exemptions expire?

A: No.

Q: How long does it take to get a certificate of exemption after I apply?

A: Staff endeavor to respond to applications within 10 business days.

Q: Can I repair a sewage ejector system?

A: Pumps servicing ejector systems can be replaced. Broken ejector standpipes can be replaced at the same location. If the underground line servicing the ejector has become clogged or broken it can be replaced, however the ejector standpipe cannot be moved.

Q: Can I keep a sewage ejector for a new home on a property?

A: Yes, provided the septic tank is sized appropriately, the ejector continues to meet all the required setback distances and is not relocated.

Q: Can two buildings be connected to a sewage ejector?

A: No, an ejector can only be connected to one single family dwelling.

Q: How much time do I have to decommission a sewage ejector?

A: If an ejector is being decommissioned, it needs to happen before the property transfer or subdivision takes place if it can't or won't be retained. If the property is being transferred, talk to your environment officer as there is the ability to transfer the responsibility to decommission to a purchaser of the property.

Q: How is an ejector decommissioned?

A: Refer to the sewage ejector decommissioning guideline in the guidelines section on the website.

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