



Saskatchewan Parks Division

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AUTHORITY

Parks Act

The Parks Regulations, 1991

Provincial Park Cottage Subdivision Directives

INTENT

To establish a policy defining when septic systems in provincial park cottage subdivisions shall be tested on recreational leased property to ensure their integrity in an effort to preserve the soil, ground water and lakes.

POLICY

Recreational cottage lease holders in provincial parks are required to install and maintain an operating septic system (section 48 of *The Parks Regulations, 1991*). This policy is aimed at establishing a process through which integrity testing of septic systems will be addressed in subdivisions in provincial parks.

- 1.0 Recreational lease holders (cottage lessees) are required to maintain septic systems with regular testing and maintenance to ensure they are functioning properly.
- 2.0 All septic systems in provincial park cottage subdivisions shall be tested a minimum of every five (5) years to ensure their integrity in an effort to preserve the soil, ground water and lakes.
- 3.0 A park official is to identify which cottage property is due for testing and notify the cottage lessee during a 5-year cycle.
- 4.0 To complete the test, the septic holding tank is filled with water to the bottom of the collar or to a level as directed by the park official, the level recorded and re-recorded in 24 hours. An inspection of other elements of the septic system may also be performed.

- 5.0 There is zero tolerance on water level fluctuations when conducting a septic system integrity test. The park official will notify lessee of pass/fail results and identify any resolution required along with a timeline in which compliance is to be reached (within the calendar year).
- 6.0 Recreational lease holder is liable for any damage to park land caused by the removal of property.
- 7.0 An Application for Water and Sewage System Installations, which may be obtained from the local park office, is required prior to the installation of a new sewage/water system on a recreational leased property.
- 8.0 All new septic tanks and holding tanks must:
 - a) be CSA B66 approved for underground use;
 - b) have a minimum 4500 litre (1000gal) capacity;
 - c) be 7.6m (25ft) from a well;
 - d) be 3.0m (10ft) from any lot boundary; and
 - e) be tested prior to tank/pipe being backfilled.
- 9.0 Lessee is responsible to obtain all necessary permits/approvals for the proposed installation.
- 10.0 Failure to comply may result in cancellation of lease agreement.