

NEWS RELEASE

1. Time of Transfer rules will become effective on July 1, 2009.
2. The previous date was to be July 1, 2010. However, this date was rescinded during the budget approval process.
3. The time of transfer rule will require an inspection of any onsite private sewage disposal system for any building or home. An inspection is required prior to recording a transfer of property.
4. Inspections will be done by certified inspectors. List of inspectors will be posted on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources web site or local County Environmental Health Departments.
5. Inspections are valid for a period of two years.
6. New Groundwater hazard statement will include disclosure of Private Sewage Disposal Systems.
7. Primary purpose of the law is to eliminate sewage discharge to the ditch, abandoned wells or tile lines without a secondary treatment system.
8. If an existing system is undersized of the today's code requirements and is properly treating wastewater and not creating unsanitary conditions, it will not be required to upgrade the existing system.
9. Septic tank will be required to be opened and contents pump out at the time of the inspection or inspected and pumped by licensed septic tank cleaner/pumpers during the last 3 years.
10. There are exemptions for court order (foreclosures, bankruptcy, or eminent domain); fiduciary in the execution of a trust, estate, or guardianship; and transfer between joint tenants.
11. All documentation must show records of all components of the existing private sewage disposal system. Copies of inspection documents must be submitted to IDNR, County Environmental Health Departments and County Recorder.
12. Contacts for further information:
 - a. Union County Environmental Health (641) 782-7803
 - b. Union County Recorder's Office (641) 782-1725
 - c. Iowa Department of Natural Resources (515) 281-8263
 - d. Union County Web Site www.unioncountyiowa.org
 - e. Iowa Department of Natural Resources Web Site www.iowadnr.gov