

(5) **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT PROTECTION.** All water supply equipment and appliances serving special fixtures shall conform with the intent and purposes of this section. Any unusual use for water, as for air-conditioning equipment, hydraulic elevators, presses, fountains, etc. shall be given special consideration in relation to possible pollution of the pure water supply system.

(6) **IMPROPER LOCATION OF SEWERS AND DRAINS.** Sewers and drains shall never pass directly over water tanks or any place where drinking water, ice, or food is prepared, handled, or stored.

(7) **DUAL WATER SUPPLIES.** The maintenance of a pressure system of water supply whose purity is questionable, such as cistern water, in the same building in which a pure water supply exists is discouraged, especially if the water is piped throughout the building and not confined to a certain section for special uses or processing. The piping containing such impure water supply shall be painted red and properly labeled at intervals. Under no circumstances shall the two supplies be cross-connected or provision made for their cross-connection. No cross-connection shall be made between piping connected to a public water supply system and piping of a private water supply system. See H 62.22 (40). ✓

H 62.20 Sewage treatment and disposal systems. (1) **SEWAGE TREATMENT TANKS.** (a) *Allowable use.* Septic or other sewage treatment tanks may be constructed where no public sewerage system is available or likely to become available within a reasonable time.

(b) *Permission to construct.* In cities, villages, and sanitary districts permission to construct sewage treatment systems shall be obtained from the local plumbing inspector or local health officer.

(c) *Location.* No sewage tank shall be located within 2 feet of any lot line, 10 feet of any cistern or 25 feet from any well or other source of water supply used for domestic purposes. Where practicable greater distances should be provided.

(d) *Materials.* Septic tanks shall be water-tight and built so as to constitute a separate structure. They shall be made of metal, concrete, precast concrete, or vitrified clay. Metal tanks shall be made of new, hot rolled commercial quality steel or equally suitable metal with a minimum thickness of 0.0747 inches. (No. 14 manufacturers gauge for sheet steel.) Such tanks shall be constructed and coated, inside and outside, in compliance with the latest revision of the U. S. Department of Commerce commercial standard 177. Each tank shall be clearly marked with the name and address or registered trade mark of the manufacturer. Precast concrete tanks shall have a minimum wall thickness of 2 inches.

(e) *Capacity and design.* 1. The size of a septic tank shall be based on the number of persons using the building to be served. The minimum liquid capacity of a septic tank measured below the outlet shall be 500 gallons for any installation. The liquid depth shall not be less than 3 feet nor more than 6 feet. The total depth of tank shall be at least 8 inches greater than the liquid depth. For each additional person over six to be accommodated in a dwelling unit, the liquid capacity shall be increased by 60 gallons (8 cubic feet). For schools and other part time use buildings where more than 20 persons are to be served, the capacity of the tank shall be increased

above the minimum size by 15 gallons (2 cubic feet) per additional person. Where garbage disposal units are connected to the plumbing system, the septic tank shall be increased 50 per cent over that otherwise required. Where large volumes of other wastes are tributary to the tank the capacity shall be increased to provide a two day holding period. See H 62.22 (41), (42), (43). ✓

2. Rectangular tanks shall have a minimum width of 30 inches and shall be constructed with the longest dimensions parallel to the direction of flow. All single compartment cylindrical tanks shall have an inside diameter of not less than 48 inches. Each section of a multi-compartment tank shall have a minimum length, width or diameter of 24 inches. Where tile or similar other pre-cast sections are used in the construction of multi-compartment tanks they shall all be mounted upon and cemented to a single concrete base.

3. The inlet and outlet on all tanks or tank compartments shall be provided with open-end sanitary tees or baffles constructed to distribute flow and retain scum in tank or compartments. The tees or baffles shall extend at least 6 inches above and 9 inches below the liquid level. The inlet and outlet arrangements shall provide for free flow of air between inlet and outlet.

4. Each single compartment tank and each section of a multi-compartment tank shall be provided with at least one manhole extending to within at least 12 inches of the ground. Manhole openings shall be at least 20 inches square or 20 inches in diameter and be provided with substantial concrete, stone or cast iron covers.

5. The discharge of surface, rain, and other large volumes of clear water into a treatment tank is prohibited.

(f) *Maintenance and sludge disposal.* Septic tanks shall be cleaned whenever the sludge and scum occupies one-third of the tank volume. Sludge and scum from septic tanks and any other material removed from a sewage disposal unit, all hereafter referred to as sludge, shall be disposed of in such manner as not to create a nuisance or menace to public health. Unless otherwise authorized by a local health officer the sludge shall be disposed of as follows:

1. By discharge into a public sewerage system when practical. The point and method of discharge into the system shall be subject to the requirements of the municipality.

2. By discharge at a disposal site designated by a city, village, or town for such purpose, or

3. In the absence of a public sewerage system or designated disposal site by one of the following methods:

a. By burial under 18 inches of earth on the premises on which produced at a distance of at least 50 feet from a well or if on other premises at a distance of at least 500 feet from a place of habitation provided that there is also at least 18 inches of soil between the buried sludge and the ground water level or limestone rock.

b. By spreading on land, not used for pasturing livestock or for growing vegetables, at a distance of 1000 feet from a place of habitation.

4. The sludge shall not be disposed of by discharge into a lake, stream, ditch or dry run or be deposited within 25 feet of such watercourses.

(2) **EFFLUENT DISPOSAL** (a) *Location and method.* The effluent from septic tanks shall be disposed of by soil absorption in a seepage pit, drainage field or by some other manner approved by the board provided such disposal does not create a nuisance or hazard to health. All soil absorption disposal units should be located at a point lower than the grade of any nearby water well and unless permission is obtained from the board shall be located not less than 25 feet from any dwelling or cistern and not less than 50 feet from any water well constructed in accordance with the specifications of the Wisconsin Well Construction and Pump Installation Code. Where water wells do not conform greater distances shall be maintained. No part of a seepage pit or drainage field shall be located within 5 feet of any lot line or within 25 feet of any lake, stream or other water course unless permission is obtained from the board. The type of soil absorption system to be used for effluent disposal shall be determined through percolation tests made in accordance with section H 65.06 (4), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(b) *Seepage pits.* 1. Seepage pits preferably should be used when deeper soil formations are more porous than the upper soil. The seepage pit shall consist of a chamber walled up with material which allows water to percolate through it, such as dry rubble, brick or concrete blocks. The bottom shall be left open to the soil. The seepage pit shall not be less than 5 feet in diameter and should have a depth, where practicable, of 6 feet or more below the inlet pipe, depending on the character of the soil. Seepage pits shall not extend into creviced rock formations. Each seepage pit shall be provided with a manhole and a fresh air inlet. The manhole shall be at least 20 inches square or 20 inches in diameter extending to within at least 12 inches of the surface of the ground and be provided with a substantial concrete, stone or cast iron cover. See section H 62.22 (41). ✓

2. The absorption area in a seepage pit per bedroom shall be at least 75% of the area designated in subsection (c) (2). Effective area shall be construed as the bottom area plus the area at the outside wall of the curbing of the pit. The actual thickness of absorptive material below the inlet subjected to the percolation test, but not more than 5 feet, shall be used in calculating wall area. Seepage pits shall be located 10 feet or more apart and as far from wells as the premises will permit. See section H 62.20 (2) (a). ✓

(c) *Drainage tile and siphon.* 1. Drainage tile should be used in place of a seepage pit wherever possible, particularly when the deeper soil tends to be non-porous. In tight soils the percolating tile lines should be surrounded with coarse gravel, crushed rock, or cinders, having a depth below the tile of at least 12 inches. The tile should be laid 12 to 36 inches below the surface and in straight or curved parallel lines separated by 10 feet or more. The tile should be laid on a slope of about 2 inches per 100 feet. Tile should be spaced about one-fourth inch apart and be blinded at the tops with tar paper or broken tile unless surrounded with coarse material in which case the surface of the material should be covered with tar paper or equal. See section H 62.22 (44), (45). ✓

2. The absorption area required for a tile field serving residential property shall be determined from the following table using soil percolation test data:

Percolation Rate Minutes Required For Water to Fall One Inch	Minimum Absorption Area in Square Feet Per Bedroom			
	Normal Plumbing Fixtures	With Garbage Grinder	With Automatic Washer	With Both Grinder and Automatic Washer
2	50	65	75	85
3	60	75	85	100
4	70	85	95	115
5	75	90	105	125
10	100	120	135	165
15	115	140	160	190
30	160	180	205	250
45	180	215	245	300
60	200	240	275	330
90	240	290	325	400

a. In the case of schools or other part-time-use establishments, one-sixth of the area requirements per bedroom for normal plumbing fixtures shall be provided for each person. In the case of commercial or industrial establishments one-fiftieth of the area requirements for normal plumbing fixtures shall be provided for each gallon per day of sewage or wastes contributed to the disposal system.

b. Where the percolation rate is so slow that more than 60 minutes are required for the water to fall one inch, studies should be made of the possibility of using seepage pits alone or in conjunction with a tile absorption field.

3. Discharge of septic tank effluent into the soil absorption system should preferably be regulated by an automatic siphon. The dosing tank in which the siphon is situated should have a capacity equal to the combined volume of the tile in the absorption system.

Note: Each foot of 3-inch drain tile has a capacity of .367 gallons; 4-inch tile, .652 gallons; 5-inch tile, 1.02 gallons; 6-inch tile, 1.46 gallons; 7-inch tile, 2.012 gallons; 8-inch tile, 2.599 gallons; 10-inch tile, 4.0195 gallons; 12-inch tile, 5.875 gallons. The amount of tile required is governed by the lay of the land and character of the soil. This is important and must receive careful attention. The drainage tile should be laid at a depth of one foot or more below the surface of the ground, and in cases where it is necessary to lay the tile deeper than two feet, an adequate system of ventilation should be provided.

(3) **VENTILATION.** Fresh air inlets shall be provided on all soil absorption systems and be placed so as to assure a free flow of air throughout the entire installation. The vent pipes shall be at least 2 inches in diameter and extend at least 12 inches above the ground surface with a return bend fitting. Fresh air inlets shall be located at least 20 feet from any window, door or air intake of any building used for human habitation. See H 62.22 (41), (45).

Note: Free circulation of air as provided for in this section means air entering through one or more fresh air inlets, passing on through the units and piping in connection therewith, thence through the inverts of the septic tank by means of the vent openings, and the air continuing onward through the house drain, soil, waste and vent pipes to a point above the building, thus not only creating an effective circulation of air but conveying all offensive odors and gases to a point above the roof.

(4) **CESPOOLS PROHIBITED.** Seepage pits for disposal of untreated sewage are prohibited.

(5) **SEWER CONNECTION.** Private systems for sewage disposal must be discontinued when public sewers become available. The house sewer shall be disconnected from the old system and be reconnected with the public sewer. All abandoned septic tanks and seepage pits shall be immediately filled.

(6) **INDUSTRIAL WASTES.** Treatment and disposal systems for industrial wastes shall be designed to meet the individual needs and be of a type that will adequately purify the specific waste. Owners of industrial establishments producing trade wastes of a toxic, putrescible, or otherwise objectionable character should consult with the board in reference to their problems.

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H 62.21 Inspection and tests. (1) STATE APPROVED INSTALLATIONS. Plumbing installations in newly annexed territory complying with the requirements of the state code shall be approved by the local governing body of the municipality of which such territory becomes a part, and the owner of the property shall be granted permission to connect to the public water supply and sewerage system upon the payment of permit fees where such fees are required.

(2) **LOCAL INSPECTION. (a) Testing.** All piping of a drainage or plumbing system in cities and villages having local plumbing supervisors, except in case of repairs as specified in H 62.21 (6), shall be tested by the plumber in charge, in the manner herein provided, in the presence of the local supervisor of plumbing or his authorized deputies. The material and labor for tests shall be furnished by the plumber in charge.

(b) *Notice for inspection.* The plumber in charge or the owner of the property in case no plumber is employed, shall notify the supervisor in person, by telephone or in writing when the work is ready for inspection. If the inspection is not made within a reasonable time after the notice is given, the plumber in charge, or the owner, may proceed with the work.

(c) *Preparations for inspection.* When work is ready for inspection the plumber in charge, or in case none is employed, the owner, shall make such arrangements as will enable the supervisor to reach all parts of the building readily, shall have present the proper apparatus and appliances for making the tests, and shall furnish such assistance as may be necessary in making proper inspection.

(d) *House drain tests.* The entire house drain with all its branches, receptacles and connections shall be brought so far as practicable to the surface or grade of basement floor and tested with water or air. Upon being found free from defects and leaking joints, the test shall be considered satisfactory.

(e) *Stable and garage tests.* If a stable, garage or any part thereof is used for human habitation, or is so constructed that it may be used as such, the same tests shall be made as for an ordinary dwelling.

(f) *Rain leader tests.* Rain water leaders and their roof connections where they are permitted within the walls of any building, and such branches as connect with the house drain 3 feet beyond basement wall shall be tested with water or air.

(g) *Soil, waste, and vent tests.* Soil, waste and vent pipes, rain water leaders and all work known as "roughing in and underfloor work" between the house drain connections to points above the

finished floor and beyond the finished face of walls and partitions shall be tested.

(h) *Water and air test.* The water test shall be applied by closing all openings in the pipes with proper testing plugs, to the highest opening above the roof, and completely filling the system with water, or an air test with pressure of at least 5 pounds shall be used. If the pipes are found free from defects and leaking joints, the test shall be considered complete and satisfactory. Buildings five stories or more in height may be tested in sections as directed by the plumbing supervisor.

(i) *Smoke test.* The smoke test shall be used in testing the sanitary condition of the drainage or plumbing system of all buildings where there is reason to believe it has become dangerous or defective. The smoke machine shall be connected to any suitable opening or outlet in the system. When the system is filled completely with dense pungent smoke, all openings emitting smoke, the openings shall be closed and an air pressure equivalent to a one-inch water column applied for a period of at least 10 minutes. If there is no leakage or forcing of trap seals, the systems shall be considered air and gas tight. Nothing, however, in this section shall be construed to prohibit the removal of any clean-out or the unsealing of a trap to ascertain if the smoke has reached all parts of the system.

(3) **COVERING OF WORK.** No part of any plumbing or drainage system shall be covered until it has been inspected, tested and approved. If any part is covered before being tested and approved, it shall be uncovered at the direction of the supervisor.

(4) **FINAL INSPECTION.** When the plumbing or drainage system is completed and fixtures are installed the final inspection shall be made.

(5) **INSPECTION FOR CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.** When additional fixtures are installed or the style or location of any fixture is changed or when changes are made in the piping system, the work shall be inspected.

(6) **TESTS FOR REPAIRS.** Inspections may be made, but tests shall not be required after the repairing or replacing of any old fixture, faucet or valve by a new one to be used for the same purpose, forcing out stoppage, repairing leaks or relieving frozen pipes and fittings. Such repairs or alterations may not be construed to include cases where new vertical or horizontal lines of soil, waste, vent, or interior rain water leaders are used or their relative locations changed. In a building condemned by the proper authorities because of insanitary conditions of house drainage or plumbing, such repairs or alterations as are necessary to make the plumbing sanitary shall be made to conform to the provisions of this code. Tests and inspections of such alterations shall be made as for new buildings.

Note: No test nor inspection shall be required where a house drainage and plumbing system or part thereof is set up for exhibition purposes; nor shall a test be required (although inspection may be made) where the plumbing is placed in an out-house, stable or detached building used exclusively for such purpose.

(7) **DEFECTS IN MATERIALS.** If tests or inspection discloses defective material, leakage, or unworkmanlike construction, which does not conform to the requirements of this code, and which is condemned