

Locating Sewerage (Septic) Systems on your Property

On the Sunshine Coast, many properties are serviced by on-site sewerage systems. Only select areas within the Town of Gibsons and the District of Sechelt have municipal sewer service.

New homeowners, builders, and realtors often require information on septic systems for building permits or listings. By law, designers and installers of sewerage systems on the Sunshine Coast are required to file records of their installations with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). This “filing” includes important information such as:

- The location of your septic tank, dispersal system and other works on the property
- The size and composition of your tank
- The length of your dispersal system runs

How do I get this information?

1. Determine the legal address (parcel address) of your property. If you do not know your legal address, you can look it up online through the SCRD’s Web Mapping Service at <http://www.scrd.ca/web-maps>
2. Send an email to HealthProtectionCG@vch.ca with your name, phone number, civic address, and legal address requesting a sewerage file search of the property.
3. If the file search produces meaningful results, you will be notified via email or telephone. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any information provided. Payments may be made over the phone by credit card, or in person at the Sechelt Health Unit.
4. Results of the file search can be printed hard copy for pickup at the Sechelt Health Unit or emailed to the email address provided.

Information on file for each property varies and some lots may not produce meaningful results. This means one of three things:

1. The information associated with the property of interest is old and possibly pre-dates record keeping policies on the Sunshine Coast.
2. The information was lost in an office fire that occurred at the Health Unit in 1989.
3. Your system was installed by a contractor who did not receive approval from Vancouver Coastal Health or did not submit a filing.

If no records can be found and you need to locate your system, it is recommended that a Registered On-Site Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) be contacted to locate and perform an assessment of your system. A list of qualified contractors in the area can be provided on request.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Environmental Health Officer:

Wilson Creek to Egmont – Brian McFadyen – 604-885-8710

Langdale, Roberts Creek, Gibsons, Gambier Island, Keats Island – Chris Morse – 604-885-8701