



HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/ REPAIR PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is working in partnership with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to provide funding to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) for assisting Lucas County households with the repair and replacement of failing household sewage systems (HSTS). This project is an assistance program designed to reimburse registered sewage installers with costs associated with the replacement or repair of a failed HSTS. This packet explains how the program works and who is eligible to apply for financial assistance.

WHAT IS A FAILING SYSTEM

A Septic system may not show any apparent signs of failure but still may be considered to be a “failing” system.

- A HSTS which discharges sewage to bedrock, drain tiles, groundwater, surface water or into zones of seasonally saturated soils and exceeds the public health nuisance standards and effluent quality limits;
- A HSTS which discharges sewage onto the ground surface or;
- A HSTS in which components such as the concrete septic tank or distribution box are showing signs of deterioration.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

All residents of Lucas County who may have a failed HSTS are eligible to apply. However the priority for selecting applicants must be in the following order:

- Households that are in the Swan Creek Watershed (see enclosed map) and;
 - Households whose incomes are at or below 100% of the poverty level of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Poverty Level. (refer to attached chart to determine if you qualify)
 - Households whose incomes are at or below 200% of the poverty level of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Poverty Level.
 - Households whose incomes are at or below 300% of the poverty level of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Poverty Level.
- If funding is available after selection of initial applicants based on the above criteria, households that are located outside the Swan Creek Watershed will be considered for the program.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM LOCATED IN THE SWAN CREEK WATERSHED

To determine if your household is located in the Swan Creek Watershed, review the enclosed map. The Swan Creek Watershed includes all or portions of the following townships and cities:

- Harding
- Spencer
- Waterville
- Monclova
- Springfield
- City of Maumee
- Providence
- Swanton
- City of Toledo

WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED BY THIS PROGRAM

Allowable costs for HSTS repair and replacement include:

- Initial pumping of the system
- Soil evaluation
- Design fee
- Site and Design review fee
- Installation permit fee
- Cost of HSTS repairs
- Indoor plumbing repairs if needed per Ohio Administrative Code 3701-29 (reviewed on case-by-case basis)
- Cost of installation and materials (estimates required)
- Other costs may be allowed per review.

The amount of cost that will be reimbursed is based on the income level.

- Repair/replacement of HSTS for homeowners whose income is at or below 100% of HHS poverty guidelines – 100% funding.
- Repair/replacement of HSTS for homeowners whose income is at or below 200% of HHS poverty guidelines – 85% funding.
- Repair/replacement of HSTS for homeowners whose income is at or below 300% of HHS poverty guidelines – 50% funding.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK

If you meet the criteria and get approval from the TLCHD for the repair or replacement of your HSTS, your information will be included in a list of qualified applicants.

- The list of qualified applicants will first be submitted for bid by professional soil evaluators and HSTS designers to conduct a soil evaluation of your parcel of land and design a HSTS in accordance to the soil types.
- Once a HSTS design is approved for your household, the design will then be submitted for bid by sewage installers that are registered with the TLCHD.
- Once the HSTS is installed and approved by the TLCHD and upon receipt of all required documents by the contractor, the contractor will be reimbursed the amount in accordance to the approved application. This amount is based on the household income level verified at time of application.

WHAT PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED TO APPLY

If you decide to proceed with applying for grant assistance to replace or repair your HSTS, you will need to submit to this office the following required information and documentation:

- Income Verification Form
- Application For Sewage Treatment System Replacement and Repair Program

WHO TO CONTACT

Questions concerning the Household Sewage Treatment System Replacement/ Repair Program can be directed to the following:

ATTN: Toledo-Lucas County Health Department/ Environmental Health Division

635 N. Erie Street

Toledo, Ohio 3604

Phone: (419)213-4100

Email: Binghamj@co.lucas.oh.us

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HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/ REPAIR PROGRAM QUICK FACT

1. The Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) Replacement program is available to all homeowners in Lucas County that own a sewage treatment system that is failing or in disrepair.
2. A STS that is discharging sewage effluent in a water –way, or if sewage is surfacing onto the surface of the ground, is a failed system and must be repaired or replaced.
3. The program must first prioritize the repair or replacement of STS for households that reside in the **Swan Creek Watershed** and for those homeowners whose income is **at or below 100% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Poverty Level**. The poverty level is also based on household size.
4. The program will reimburse the contractors doing the work on your HSTS with cost associated with the soil evaluation, STS engineered designs, all applicable permits, installations, materials, and the Operation & Maintenance permit.
5. The program may also assist homeowners who are at or below 200% by reimbursing the cost of repair or replacement of STS up to 85% of the total cost and homeowners at or below 300% by reimbursing the cost of repair or replacement of STS up to 50% of the total cost.
6. To determine if you qualify, complete the enclosed application packet and submit to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department or contact us at 419-213-4100.

	INCOME LEVEL (Varies by household size)	LOCATION OF HOUSEHOLD	COST COVERED
PRIORITY LEVEL 1	At or below 100% Poverty Level (\$24,250 maximum for a household of 4)	Swan Creek Watershed	100%
PRIORITY LEVEL 2	At or below 200% (\$48,500 maximum for a household of 4)	Swan Creek Watershed	85%
PRIORITY LEVEL 3	At or below 300% (\$72,750 maximum for a household of 4)	Swan Creek Watershed	50%
PRIORITY LEVEL 4	At or below 100%	Rest of Lucas County	100%
PRIORITY LEVEL 5	At or below 200%	Rest of Lucas County	85%
PRIORITY LEVEL 6	At or below 300%	Rest of Lucas County	50%

*See Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Poverty Level Chart enclosed with this packet to determine eligibility.