

Laurel Park Rules - Septic System Guidelines

1. You must request, in writing, permission from the Homeowners Association of Laurel Park (HALP) Executive Committee (EC) for a percolation test to either install a new septic system or replace an existing septic system.
2. After a successful percolation test, you must submit to the HALP EC a design plan, drawn-up by a certified civil engineer, for the proposed system.
3. The homeowner is responsible for making the engineer aware that vehicles are liable to drive over any area of the Park and that all septic systems need to be able to withstand vehicles or heavy machinery driving over or parking on them.
4. At the time when the plan is submitted, the homeowner should also make a date with the HALP EC for a septic hearing/meeting.
5. At least 10 days prior to the septic hearing, the homeowner must notify all abutters, in writing, of the date of septic hearing and the location of the septic system. An abutter is defined as anyone whose cottage is within 100 yards of the proposed septic system **OR** whose septic system abuts the proposed septic system. The HALP EC will be happy to help you identify abutters.
6. Although not required, you might consider keeping copies of emails sent or tracking of letters mailed in order to have proof that all abutters have been notified.
7. You must also post the septic hearing date and a sketch of the proposed septic system and site on bulletin board near mailboxes.
8. At the septic hearing, any interested homeowner will have the opportunity to voice their concerns.
9. At the septic hearing, the HALP EC will approve or reject the design for the proposed septic system.
10. If the septic system design plan is approved, installation can proceed.
11. The unit owner who is having the septic work done is financially responsible for any damage to trees done during the installation.
12. The unit owner who is having the septic work done is financially responsible for all areas disturbed the installation or repair of their septic system, including but not limited to roads, grass, parking areas, etc.
All disturbed areas must be restored to original condition.
13. **Old tanks must be removed. Your previous septic area, if any, must be filled with sand and restored.**

*****(Revised on August 1, 2018)*****