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SEPTIC TANK DESTRUCTION GUIDELINES

- 1) A Septic Tank Destruction Permit must be obtained from this office.
- 2) At no time shall sewage be discharged to the ground surface.
- 3) The septic tank must be pumped by a Napa County permitted septic tank pumping company. A receipt for the load should be supplied to this department.
- 3) All piping shall be disconnected from the tank.
- 4) For tanks to be destroyed in place, the top, sides, and bottom of the tank must be broken in and hydrated lime or chlorine must be spread throughout the tank and the area surrounding the tank.
- 5) For tanks to be taken off site, the tank must be broken in, layered with hydrated lime or chlorine, removed from the tank hole, and placed in a pile in an area protected from contact by unauthorized persons. The tank debris must be allowed to dry prior to removal and disposal at an approved disposal facility. The tank excavation shall be layered with hydrated lime or chlorine prior to backfill.
- 6) At no time shall the excavation be left unattended unless a suitable and adequate barrier is provided to assure public safety.
- 7) The tank excavation must be completely filled with earth, sand, gravel, concrete, or other approved material. The fill material shall be placed so as to prevent settling.
- 8) After or during placement of the hydrated lime or chlorine and prior to backfill and/or removal offsite of the septic tank, an Environmental Health Specialist must inspect the destruction.