



Shire of York

Onsite Effluent Disposal

1. INTRODUCTION

A large portion of the York town site is currently un-sewered with occupiers of small land holdings relying on septic tanks and leach drains to cater for all effluent produced on site.

Due to clay soils, high ground water tables and rock being present, a large number of leach drains continually fail allowing effluent to the surface of the ground and to enter adjacent streets.

Aerobic Treatment Units are now available to replace the primitive septic tanks and leach drains where new construction is proposed on R10 coded blocks of land.

This policy will effectively exclude the installation of septic tanks and leach drains from being installed on R10 coded residential land and residential lots less than 2000 square meters in area.

2. OBJECTIVES

To prevent environmental health problems caused by defective leach drains.

3. STATUTORY POWERS

- Health Act 1911
- Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974

4. POLICY PROVISIONS

Only approved aerobic treatment units will be approved by Council's Environmental Health Officers for proposed new residential development within the Shire of York on land with a R10 or higher density residential design code and any land less than 2000 square meters in areas where reticulated sewer is not available within 90 meters of the development.