



NORTH CAROLINA  
Environmental Quality

ROY COOPER

Governor

MARY PENNY KELLEY

Secretary

MICHAEL SCOTT

Director

October 7, 2024

## **PUBLIC SERVICE REMINDER**

### **Regulated Septage Management for Areas Impacted by Hurricane Helene**

As we work to recover from the devastation left by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, it is important that we work together to not further impact to public health and the environment by illicitly discharging or disposing of wastewater pumped from septic tanks, grease traps, and portable toilets at locations not permitted to receive septage wastewater.

The disposal or storage of septage at an unpermitted site and the management of septage by unpermitted firms (pumpers) are violations of [N.C.G.S. 130A-291.1](#).

#### **Septage Pumping and Transport**

Pumping, transporting, and disposal of septage shall be conducted **ONLY** by septage management firms (pumpers) permitted by the Division of Waste Management.

#### **Septage Disposal**

Discharge and dispose septage (wastewater pumped from septic tanks, portable toilets, recreational vehicles, or grease traps) **ONLY** at locations permitted to receive septage, such as municipal wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) and permitted septage management facilities.

Contact the Division of Waste Management at 919.707.8200 for locations of facilities that accept septage for disposal and/or storage, such as municipal wastewater treatment plants, septage detention or treatment facilities (SDTF), or septage land application sites (SLAS).

If you have a permitted Septage Detention or Treatment Facility (SDTF) or Septage Land Application Site (SLAS) that is accessible and capable of receiving septage, please contact the Division of Waste Management at 919-707-8200 prior to receiving septage from other permitted Septage Management Firms, if not specified in your permit.

#### **Placement of Portable Toilets**

Companies that place or provide portable toilets must have a septage management firm (pumper) permit from the Division of Waste Management.

#### **Temporary Septage Storage**

If your disposal location prior to the storm cannot receive septage or you cannot locate a permitted disposal location, please contact the Division of Waste Management at 919-707-8200 for assistance. DWM staff will work with you on alternative options for septage management such as the use of frac tanks for temporary storage.



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality | Division of Waste Management  
217 West Jones Street | 1646 Mail Service Center | Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1646  
919.707.8200

## Permitting

Information on obtaining a permit for either a septage management firm (pumper) or a septage detention storage facility can be found online at:

<https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/special-wastes-and-alternative-handling/septage>

For direct assistance on permitting or other septage assistance, please contact one of the following in the Solid Waste Section Environmental Compliance Branch:

Chester Cobb (919) 707.8283      [Chester.Cobb@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Chester.Cobb@deq.nc.gov)

Jeff Bullard (919) 707.8285      [Jeffrey.Bullard@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Bullard@deq.nc.gov)

Perry Sugg (919) 707.8258      [Perry.Sugg@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Perry.Sugg@deq.nc.gov)

