



Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Subject: Inspection of Wastewater Individual Systems in Kanesatake Territory

Dear community members,

The W8banaki Tribal Council, in collaboration with an employee from the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake (MCK), will conduct inspections in the coming months of wastewater individual systems.

This initiative aims to:

- Locate installations (wells, septic tanks, leaching fields, etc.).
- Assess their condition and functionality.
- Identify health and environmental risks.

These inspections are essential to secure funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). This funding will help continue the biennial septic tank pumping service, as well as maintenance and replacement of systems.

How it will proceed:

- Visits will be conducted by sector, based on health risk level.
- You will be contacted one week before the visit in your sector.
- Inspectors will ask questions about your wastewater system and drinking water source.
- A list of questions is attached to this notice to help you prepare.

What the inspection includes:

- Locating elements (property boundaries, well, tank, leaching field, etc.)
- Measuring distances between your well and surrounding installations
- Visual inspection of the septic tank
- Dye test if necessary

Your cooperation is essential :

- If you have questions or concerns, contact Nicholas David, Public Works Manager.
- If possible, complete the attached questionnaire and return it with the information you know. This will help save time and reduce costs.

IMPORTANT

If you refuse access to your property, MCK may no longer be able to offer certain services, such as biennial septic tank pumping.

A Public Works employee from MCK will accompany the W8banaki team to facilitate inspections and encourage local involvement.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this initiative to improve the health and environment of our community.

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Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

Name: _____

Since which year: _____

Phone: _____

Residence

Civic address (door number and street name): _____

Year of construction: _____

Number of bedrooms: _____

Number of occupants: _____

Other uses besides residential: _____

Septic tank (Primary element for decantation)

☐ Concrete

☐ Plastic

☐ Fiberglass

☐ Other

Useful volume (cubic meters or gallons): _____

Date of last sludge removal: _____

Noted operational issues: _____

Visible backflow inside the tank (yes, no, unknown): _____

Known historical backflow (date): _____

Treatment system (Secondary element for purification)

☐ Conventional (leaching field)

☐ Advanced secondary (Bionest, Ecoflo, others)

☐ System not found / unknown

Valid maintenance contract (date): _____

Surface water resurgence (yes, no, or suspected): _____

Type of vegetation cover (regular grass, large-leaf plants, fallow, wooded, or other): _____

Treatment system (Tertiary element for disinfection)

☐ UV lamp treatment with surface discharge

☐ Polishing field

☐ Direct discharge into watercourse

☐ Other / unknown

Drinking water Source

☐ Surface well (mechanically dug shallow installation)

☐ Driven point well (metal pipe driven into the ground)

☐ Surface water (drawn directly from a stream or lake)

☐ Artesian well (mechanically drilled deep installation)

☐ Public network

☐ Other

Depth (m or feet): _____

Diameter (mm or inches): _____

Presence of treatment

☐ UV lamp (brand and model number): _____

☐ Filter (brand and model number): _____

☐ Water softener (brand and model number): _____

☐ Other (brand and model number): _____

☐ None

Transmission instructions:

Please send this questionnaire in electronic version by email to septic@gcnwa.com or in paper version by dropping it off directly at the Band Council reception at the following address: 681, Sainte-Philomène, Kanesatake, Quebec, J0N 1E0.