



**State of New Mexico
County of Bernalillo
Office of Environmental Health
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SEPTIC TANK ABANDONMENT

Effective September 1, 1998 Bernalillo County Environmental Health will be performing a final inspection on all septic tank abandonments. At this time there will be **no fee** for the inspection. However, if Environmental Health has difficulty with compliance a fee may be instituted. The following is an outline of the procedures for abandonment and inspection:

Tank Abandonment Procedure:

1. Pump out the septic tank; retain the pumping receipt.
2. Disconnect sanitary line from the septic tank.
3. Remove/crush top of tank small enough to eliminate voids (open spaces).
4. Have the fill material on site. **Do not fill in tank until inspection is done.**
5. Follow Inspection Procedure below.
6. Fill tank completely with sand or other approved material once inspection is complete.

Inspection Procedure:

1. Contact Environmental Health 24 hours prior to the inspection date.
2. The abandoned septic tank must be left uncovered for the inspection.
3. A final tag will be issued when the inspection is complete.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.