

## Will all systems be required to meet current construction code?

No. It is not the intent of this program to cause existing systems to be brought into compliance with current sizing and construction codes.

Systems will need to be replaced or repaired if they are found to be failing or in substantial non-conformance. For example, if sewage is surfacing on the ground, or connected to a field tile, then the system is failed. A well that is unable to provide safe water or its condition is so poor that continued safe water cannot be relied upon, is a failed well.

## How do I find the results for my home?

As soon as the BEDHD issues a report, the results are available on-line without a login or password at:

<http://tost.barryeatonhealth.org/tost>

The results are available on-line for one year. Site observations, water results, and system diagrams are also available.

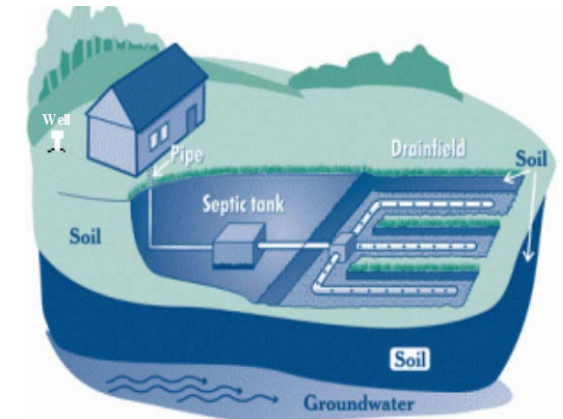
Additionally, check the BEDHD web site for information regarding the operation and maintenance of on-site systems.

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# What is the TOST Program?

The Time Of Sale or Transfer (TOST) program is used for evaluation and maintenance of on-site water wells and on-site sewage systems.



This brochure contains the facts you will need to know about TOST, if you are selling or buying a property in Barry or Eaton County.

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## About the TOST Program

Before you sell or transfer a property served by an on-site well or on-site sewage system, you are first **required** to have an authorization for transfer issued by the Health Department. Both residential and non-residential parcels with on-site systems are evaluated.

This program became effective November 1, 2007. This is part of the Regulations Governing On-site Sewage and On-site Water Supply System Evaluation and Maintenance in Barry and Eaton County, Michigan, as adopted by the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) Board of Health.

Homes, businesses, and properties that are connected to both municipal water and municipal sewer are not affected.

This program does allow for some exemptions. Contact the BEDHD for more information, or visit the TOST section of [www.barryeatonhealth.org](http://www.barryeatonhealth.org)



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## Why is this necessary?

A failing well or sewage system is an immediate public health concern. The purpose of this program is to protect the quality of our water resources and to promote the safety, health, and general welfare of the community by:

- Ensuring safe and adequate supply of drinking water for premises served by an on-site water supply.
- Ensuring the adequate handling of sewage from premises served by an on-site sewage system.

Examples of a failed water supply include unsafe water quality, supplies that are subject to contamination, and improperly abandoned wells.

Examples of a failed septic system include sewage surfacing on the ground, systems connected to drain tiles leading to lakes, streams, and ditches, and failed or dilapidated septic tanks or other system components.

## How do I get started?

Plan ahead. Property owners are encouraged to start this process early when listing the property. Private Registered Evaluators (REs) perform an evaluation of your on-site system(s). To obtain a list of approved REs, visit [www.barryeatonhealth.org](http://www.barryeatonhealth.org) or call us for a current list.

## After the evaluation...

1. The evaluator submits detailed findings and supporting documentation called a “transfer evaluation” to the BEDHD.
2. The BEDHD reviews the evaluation for completeness and reviews all of the evaluator’s reported conditions.
3. If the system is determined by BEDHD to be substantially non-conforming or failed, a site visit is typically conducted. A “Notice of Action Required” and a timeline for correction are issued by BEDHD. A suggested Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is provided.
4. If the system(s) has not failed, or when corrective action has been performed and approved, the BEDHD will issue a “Transfer Authorization”.

BEDHD reports and the transfer evaluations are available on-line under “TOST Evaluation Results”.

## Will this hold up my sale?

Allow time for the review and for corrections, if an action is required. The regulation provides an option that allows a transfer prior to correction if a CAP is submitted to, and approved by, BEDHD. In most cases, however, the corrections are completed before a Transfer Authorization is issued by the health department. Remember a Transfer Authorization is necessary before the closing.