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### **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR ABANDONING SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS**

The recommended procedures are as follows:

A. Septic Tank Systems

- The entire contents of the tank is to be pumped out.
- If structurally sound, the septic tank is to be filled with soil or rock fill.
- Organic material such as wood, roots, grass, leaves, must not used.

OR

- Remove or break up the septic tank and fill the resulting excavation with soil or rock.
- Usually the disposal bed portion of the septic tank system can be left in its existing state.

These measures must be taken in order to eliminate the possibility of future potential health or safety hazards from developing. Step 2, filling the tank with soil or rock, is necessary to prevent the possibility of the tank collapsing and caving in or of “floating” upward in the event of high water table conditions. Organic material must not be used in filling the tank because it will decay and generate toxic or possibly explosive gases as well as leaving voids.