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SEPTIC TANK ABANDONMENT/DESTRUCTION PROCEDURE

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The following procedure is to be followed when unused septic tanks are destroyed. According to Section 722 of the Uniform Plumbing Code:

- 1) Every cesspool or septic tank which has been abandoned or has been discontinued otherwise from further use or to which no waste or soil pipe from a plumbing fixture is connected, shall have the sewage removed there from and be completely filled with sand, gravel, concrete or other approved fill material.
- 2) The cover over the cesspool or septic tank shall be removed before filling and the filling shall not extend above the top of the vertical portions of the sidewalls or above the level of any outlet pipe until inspection has been called and the cesspool or septic tank has been inspected. After such inspection, the cesspool or septic tank shall be filled to the level of the ground.

PLEASE NOTE

A County or City Building Department inspector may inspect a septic tank destruction. If the building inspection department that has jurisdiction will not be inspecting the destruction then, a "Septic Tank Destruction Permit" must be obtained and a fee paid to, the Water Protection Division at:

10590 Armstrong Ave., Suite A
Mather, CA 95655
(916) 875-8400

When pumping of septic tanks is required, the pumping must be done by a firm possessing a valid registration issued by the Water Protection Division.

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