

# BOARD OF HEALTH



**TOWN OF HEATH**  
Massachusetts

## Perc Test Instructions

### Local Perc Test Regulations:

**Effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, perc tests may be conducted any time of year as long as conditions of 310 CMR 15.104 are met. The soil to be tested must be below the frozen layer.**

New construction must perc at a minimum rate of 60 minutes per inch.

Repairs must perc at a minimum rate of 60 minutes per inch, except with a Local Upgrade Approval. The repair/replacement of a soil absorption system in soils with a percolation rate between 60 and 90 minutes may only be granted for upgrades of existing systems with no increase in design flow. These regulations conform to the provisions of 310 CMR 15.245

### Form Submittal Procedure:

1. Please fill out the online application form (Soil Evaluation and Percolation Test) at this link- [http://fctpermit.com/sites/frcog/boh/user\\_login.asp](http://fctpermit.com/sites/frcog/boh/user_login.asp) Typically, this is done by the Septic System Designer. If being submitted by the home/land owner, you will need to register with the permitting system first.
2. After you have submitted the completed form and paid the fee, please call the Heath Board of Health at 413-337-4934 ext 8 to expedite your perc test approval. Please state that you have submitted a Perc Test Request Form and would like to set up an appointment for the Conservation Commission to view your property. You should know at this point who your soil evaluator will be. It is often helpful to have the soil evaluator walk the property with the agent for the Con Comm.

**Approval:** After the Conservation Commission has inspected your property, the agent for Board of Health (Heath Health Agent, Glen Ayers: [glenayers@frcog.org](mailto:glenayers@frcog.org) cell: 413-834-5729, work: 413-774-3167 x 106) will work with your soil evaluator to set up a time to conduct the perc test.

**Payment:** The \$150 fee covers the first two hours of the perc test and must be paid in advance. The hourly rate for additional time is \$75.00 per hour, billed in 15 minute increments. Additional hours must be paid at the test site. No construction permits will be issued until all fees are paid in full. If for some reason your request for a perc is denied, you will be issued a full refund.

**Submission of perc test results:** Please have your System Designer submit the perc test results within 60 days to the Heath Board of Health and also to the Health Agent, Glen Ayers, FRCOG, 12 Olive St, Suite 2, Greenfield, MA 01301. Perc test results may also be transmitted electronically.

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