

# Waste (Solid)

## Septage Management Firm (Permit to Operate A)

**What Activities Require This Permit?** Anyone engaged in the activity of pumping, transporting, storing, treating or disposing of septage must have a septage management firm permit prior to commencing operation.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To reduce adverse environmental effects from the pumping, transporting, storing, treating and disposal of septage and to protect the health of the citizens of North Carolina.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section, Septage Program

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** Fees for septage management firm permits are as follows:

Facility Category	Annual Fee
1 Truck	\$550
2 or more Trucks	\$800
Non-Pumper (A firm that operates an SDTF, septage detention treatment or storage facility, or SLAS, septage land application site but does not engage in the business of pumping or transporting septage.)	\$200

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Payments may be made by check or electronically by echeck or credit card.

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** Make checks payable to: Division of Waste Management. For information on where to send the check, see the information provided below under "Where Do I Submit My Application."

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** By contacting the [Septage Program Staff](#) or online at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/waste-management-rules/septage>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** Septage Program staff will review each application within 30 days of receipt of a complete application.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Septage Firm Permit Applications should be completed online.

Firm Permit (Pumper): [Pumper Firm Application](#)

Firm Permit (Non-Pumper): [Non-Pumper Application](#)

Restaurant Septage: [Non-Pumper Grease Management Application](#)

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are issued for a one-year period, valid from Jan. 1 and expiring Dec. 31. Permits issued throughout the year still expire on Dec. 31 of that year. Permits must be renewed annually by Dec. 15.

**Notes/Comments:** In regard to application submittal, the annual fee payment, firm application, vehicle recertification form, and proper disposal authorizations from all disposal locations must be submitted before an application can be considered complete. All application forms submitted need to be originals.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** G.S 130A-291.1  
[Septage Management Rules 15A NCAC 13B.0800-0846](#)

**Link:** <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/waste-management-rules/septage> and <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/septage/new-operator>

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