OSSF INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR SURFACE APPLICATION SYSTEMS

The minimum number of inspections required by the Licensing Authority for approval of installation of On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) in the City of Austin is listed below. To arrange for an inspection, please call the Austin Water (AW), Utility Development Services Division, OSSF Program at (512) 972-0050 AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED INSPECTION DATE.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Deviations from the planning materials must be approved by the designer and Austin Water prior to installation. AW Inspectors may consider unapproved deviations as cause to stop the inspection and require a re-inspection.
2. AW inspections are not a substitute for the designer’s inspections and vice versa. Contact the designer before beginning construction of the system and before covering any components that will be inspected during the designer’s independent inspection. The designer’s inspection(s) must be conducted prior to Austin Water’s inspection(s).
3. This is not an exhaustive list of all items to be checked during inspection.

TANK, PUMP, AND ALARM INSPECTION

MAY BE PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INSPECTIONS

1. Septic tank(s), trash tank, and/or aerobic treatment tanks are leveled on a minimum four-inch sand, sandy loam, or pea gravel pad and filled with water to outlet.
2. Sewer line installed properly.
3. Pump tank filled with water to activate high water alarm. Alarm and pump function correctly and automatically.
4. Pump and high water alarm on separate circuits.
5. Installation of check valve and siphon hole (if required).

SPRAY HEAD/PIPING AND LANDSCAPING INSPECTION

1. Spray heads and piping placed according to the approved plan.
2. Spray radius and pattern is according to the approved plan.
3. Final topsoil depth is at least 6 inches.
4. Drainfield area graded so that rainwater will drain away.
5. If storm water diversion is required, it must be constructed and vegetative cover established.
6. Vegetative cover established over drainfield area in accordance with the approved planning material.