



**COUNTY OF MARIN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**PROCEDURES FOR ABANDONMENT AFTER ISSUANCE OF PERMIT:**

1. A licensed septic tank pumper must pump the septic tank. A copy of the receipt for this pumping must be provided.
2. The tank must be abandoned in one of the following ways:
  - (a) Tank removed, then disposed of at a sanitary landfill (receipt must be provided).
  - (b) Tank top removed, tank crushed, then excavation filled with sand to within 12 inches of native surface.
  - (c) Tank top removed, tank bottom perforated, then excavation filled with sand to within 12 inches of native surface.
3. Contact EHS after filling excavation with sand and provide 48 hours notice to schedule a final inspection.
4. EHS needs to verify:
  - (a) Plumbing lines from house to septic tank are disconnected or removed.
  - (b) Verify that the structure is connected to the sanitary sewer, either by visual inspection or by confirmation from the sanitary district.
5. Backfill remainder of hole with native soil.
6. EHS will issue final Certificate of Inspection confirming the septic tank has been properly abandoned.