Subsurface Sewage Disposal System
INSTALLER Exam Information

1. Applications, forms and other licensing information can be found on the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) Environmental Practitioner Licensure website.

2. To be eligible to take the INSTALLER exam, an Installer License Application must be submitted to CT DPH and include four (4) Verification of Experience Forms. These forms are used to demonstrate that you have completed at least four (4) subsurface sewage disposal system installations working with another licensed individual, and each form must be signed by the Registered Sanitarian who performed the inspections for the local health department. If you are licensed as a septic system installer in another state, then you may submit a Verification of Subsurface Sewage Installer Licensure Form in lieu of the four (4) Verification of Experience Forms.

3. The application must include an applicant’s legal name as it appears on their photo identification.

4. The Installer Exam is offered at a PSI test center. To sit for the exam, you will need to schedule an appointment and make a payment of $65 to PSI. CT DPH will send you more detailed instructions, including test center locations, once your application has been approved.

5. Exam time allowed is 2 hours. Passing score is 70 or higher.

6. The exam is closed book. Notes or electronic devices, including cell phones, cannot be used during the exam. An onscreen calculator, scratch paper, and a hardcopy of the necessary tables (Exam Attachment link) will be provided by PSI for use during the exam.

7. Exam questions consist of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, and problem solving based on the *CT PHC Regulations and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems*, as well as experience gained when actively participating in the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system.

Study Material

The following documents should be used as study material when preparing for the INSTALLER exam. All documents can be viewed or downloaded for free from the Subsurface Sewage – Environmental Engineering website.

1. *CT PHC Regulations and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems*
   - PHC Sections 19-13-B103a-f and Technical Standards

2. *Design Manual - Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems for Households and Small Commercial Buildings*
   - Chapters 1-22 and 30-31

Additional training: The Connecticut Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (COWRA) offers a preparation course for the Septic Installer exam. For more information, including the cost of the training, please visit the COWRA website or call them directly at (860) 267-1057.