

The Board of Health, City of Haverhill, in accordance with and under the authority granted by Section 31, of Chapter III of the Massachusetts General Laws promulgated the following regulation at their public meeting on May 27, 2014:

#### Percolation & Deep Hole Testing, Leaching Area Requirements

All soil evaluations and percolation testing conducted for the purpose of new construction of subsurface disposal systems shall be conducted between April 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Testing may be performed at other times of the year at the discretion of the Haverhill Board of Health.

No applications will be accepted without payment.

If appointments for percolation tests and deep holes are cancelled by anyone other than the Health Department, the Department is under no obligation to refund or reschedule the percolation or deep hole tests.

Methods used to temporarily lower the groundwater levels during percolation testing such as “dewatering” shall not be used for new construction.

The leaching requirements regulation adopted May 9, 1972 by the City of Haverhill Board of Health is hereby stricken and replaced with the following:

1. For new construction, soil with a percolation rate in excess of 30 minutes per inch is considered unsuitable for the subsurface disposal of sanitary sewage.
2. Minimum leaching area shall not be less than that required for a Class II soil as per 310 CMR 15.242. In the cases of septic system upgrades, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Health Department.