

Septic Systems

Nearly all lakeshore owners use a septic system to process their household waste. And it is important that your system functions properly to protect our water, including your lake. If you purchased your property recently, your septic system was inspected to ensure it met minimum standards. If you have had your septic system for years, perhaps decades, it is possible that it needs to be evaluated and possibly updated. Finally, you will need a maintainer to pump your holding tank at least every three years.

Pretty much anyone working with your septic system needs to be properly licensed by the state. State law requires that all Minnesota businesses that design, install, repair, maintain, operate, or inspect septic systems must be licensed with the MPCA, and they must employ an adequate number of certified individuals to comply with the SSTS rules and regulations. Pollution Control Agency business specialty areas include designer, installer, inspector, service provider and maintainer.

Designers prepare a plan for a new or upgraded system and location that is the best fit for your property and soil type—there are many options. For information on system types, see: <https://septic.umn.edu/septic-system-owners/septic-types>

Installers work from the plan to install the system.

Inspectors certify that a system is in compliance with state requirements at the time of the inspection, both for new systems and existing systems that may be failing.

Maintainers evaluate sewage tanks, clean and pump tanks and make certain repairs.

Permits issued by the Itasca County Department of Environmental Services are required for any construction or re-construction. For more information about Environmental Services and other information, see--

<https://www.co.itasca.mn.us/576/Septic-Systems>

For the Minnesota PCA database for licensed businesses, see

<https://webapp.pca.state.mn.us/ssts/business-search>

A list of businesses licensed as of April 25, 2019 is attached. Use the PCA website to verify that a business' license is still in effect.

The University of Minnesota Extension has considerable information for homeowners—see <https://septic.umn.edu/septic-system-owners>

Finally, there is more information on septic systems, including answers to a range of homeowner questions, on the Itasca Waters website <http://itascawaters.org/septic/excavation>

Itasca County Licensed Septic Businesses

List Generated April 25, 2019

| Business Name Contact Info | Designer | Installer | Inspector | Maintainer | Service Provider |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Carlson Excavating Max 218-659-2784 | | X | | | |
| Robert L. Perreault Grand Rapids 218-326-6983 | X | | X | | |
| Williams Septic & Electric Inc Squaw Lake 218-659-4216 | X | X | X | | |
| William J Schwartz & Son Inc Bovey 218-245-2165 | X | X | X | | |
| Scooters Septic Service, Inc Cohasset 218-328-6107 | | | | X | |
| Ron Ex Excavating Grand Rapids 218-327-9273 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Ryhti Construction and Excavating Inc Nashwauk 218-885-1482 | X | X | | | |

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| Bunes Septic Service Inc. Grand Rapids 218-326-2967 | | | | X | |
| Sutherland Excavating Inc Grand Rapids 218-326-6823 | | X | | | |
| T&T Excavating LLP Talmoon 218-832-3764 | X | X | | | X |
| W Roberts Excavating, LLC Pengilly 218-885-3434 | X | X | X | | |
| John C. Anderson Excavating Deer River 218-326-8370 | X | X | | | |
| Holmquist Excavating Grand Rapids 218-326-5293 | X | X | X | | |
| Trout Enterprises, Inc. Deer River 218-246-8165 | | X | | | |
| RK Construction Services, Inc. Marcell 218-832-2842 | X | X | X | X | |
| Itasca Utilities Inc. Grand Rapids 218-326-1400 | X | X | | | |
| Mann Excavating & Trucking Inc Deer River 218-398-1380 | | X | | | |
| Villeneuve Excavating & Demolition LLC Deer River 218-246-2417 | X | X | | | |
| Kyle Forseen Excavating LLC Blackduck 218-835-7293 | X | X | | | |
| Gielen Excavating Deer River 218-566-1394 | X | X | | | |
| Northwoods Excavating Services Inc. Bovey 218-245-3659 | X | X | X | X | |
| S & S Excavating and Construction Inc Grand Rapids 218-246-9130 | X | X | X | | |
| Mallum Hauling Inc Bovey 218-245-1349 | | X | | | |
| 3 Bs LLC Cohasset 218-326-4207 | X | X | | | |
| BE Heaton Excavating Grand Rapids 218-326-3734 | | X | | | |
| Rapid Rooter Sewer & Drain, Inc. Grand Rapids 218-885-1300 | | | | X | |
| Gielen Construction Services Deer River 218-566-1361 | X | X | | | |
| Northland Portables Grand Rapids 218-326-1662 | | | | X | |
| Maasch Construction Inc Warba (218) 492-1589 | X | X | | | |
| J. E. Olson Contracting LLC Deer River 218-328-5482 | | X | | | |
| Scheff Diversified Services Unlimited LLC Marcell 218-832-3860 | | X | | | |
| Kris Prestidge Deer River 218-244-6336 | X | | X | | |
| AL X LLC Grand Rapids 218-244-4509 | | X | | | |
| Deer River Septic Pumping Deer River 218-244-9876 | | | | X | |
| Powell Excavating & Tree Service Bigfork 218-244-7152 | | X | | | |