

Guidelines for Decommissioning Septic Tanks & Leach Drains

in the Shire of Kalamunda

The requirements to decommission an apparatus for the treatment of sewage are as follows:

Where a premises is connected to a sewer, the owner of those premises shall decommission any apparatus when –

- there is a change in use of the premises;
- the property is sold (within 60 days after change of ownership);
- extensions to the property encroach on set-back requirements for the system.

To decommission an apparatus you must:

- pump out and remove the tanks and leach drains from the ground;
- and
- provide a statutory declaration to the Shire stating the following:

"I have inspected the lot located at ADDRESS for any effluent disposal systems including all associated tanks, pipes and drainage systems (soakwells or leach drains) and any stormwater disposal systems. All such systems have been completely removed from the ground, backfilled with clean fill and the area compacted. All effluent disposal systems have been pumped out by a licensed contractor before being completely removed."

Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Kalamunda Health Service on 9257 9999.

