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TO: All Area Real Estate Agencies

FROM: Lee County Health Department  
Environmental Health Division

DATE: December 15, 2023

SUBJECT: 2024 Sanitary Evaluation Request Form and Information

Dear Area Realtors, Agents, and Support Staff:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the sanitary evaluation request form. Please review the form carefully as fee changes have been made. Please have all information completed on the form when submitting a sanitary evaluation request to be scheduled.

**This department encourages you to schedule sanitary evaluations as soon as the property is listed**, as unforeseen circumstance (i.e. delayed lab results, poor water results, etc.) may delay property closing. **Lending institutions generally will accept a report dated six months prior to the closing date.**

Please only use this current copy of the request form (older forms will not be accepted) and submit sanitary evaluation requests via fax at (815) 288-1811, attention EH or email to [ehfaxes@lchd.com](mailto:ehfaxes@lchd.com)

For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the chlorination process, nitrate information, fee schedule, and highlights of policy codes/reminders. **Please take note that a water sample will not be taken from a well where chlorine has been detected.** To ensure chlorine is no longer present after chlorination, this department is making available chlorine reagent powder pillows and instructions on how to use them.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our department.  
Thank you!

Enclosure(s)

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TO: Area Realtors and Homeowners  
FROM: Lee County Health Department  
Environmental Division  
RE: Sanitary Evaluation Requests

Dear Realtors/Homeowners:

- ❖ Effective January 1, 2024, the fee for a Sanitary Evaluation is \$225.00 for a well inspection **or** septic inspection. The fee for **both** well and septic inspection is \$300.00. Visa, MasterCard or Discover are acceptable credit card options and can be done in office or over the phone. Check or money order are accepted for payment in the office or on site at inspection. Cash can be accepted in office only.  
**All fees are to be paid by the requesting party.**
- ❖ Private sales that are not being handled by an attorney or realtor/title agency require payment **before** or **at the time of** inspection.
- ❖ A private well evaluation will include two water samples to analyze for Coliform and nitrate contamination. Additional water samples will be subject to \$25 + lab fees per water sample collected. Access into the home is not required for a well only evaluation if there is access to an outside hydrant that has running water and the well is located outside.
- ❖ A private well evaluation that needs to test for the presence of lead in the water will be charged an additional \$60 per water sample collected. Additional charges will be incurred if rush results are requested. If lead testing is requested, the results may take up to three weeks before they are available.
- ❖ A septic system inspection requires access into the home for the shock load test to be performed. This also requires that the septic outlet lid be exposed and the lid to have been recently loosened or off **before** the time of the sanitary evaluation appointment.
- ❖ Two trips to the property are included in the fee. A fee of \$25 per trip may be charged for any extra trips to a property. The extra trip fee also applies to appointments that are set up and do not show.

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**A \$25.00 SERVICE CHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.**

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