

567—68.9(455B) Standards for commercial cleaning of private sewage disposal systems.

68.9(1) *Vehicles, tanks and equipment.* For all vehicles, tanks and equipment used in the commercial cleaning of private sewage disposal systems, the licensee shall:

- a.* Prevent the dripping, falling, spilling, leaking, or discharging of waste onto roads, rights-of-way or other public properties.
- b.* Provide the equipment necessary for proper cleaning of private sewage disposal systems.
- c.* Ensure proper construction and repair of cleaning equipment to allow easy cleaning and maintenance in an essentially rust-free and sanitary condition and appearance.
- d.* If septage is to be land-applied, provide a mechanism for properly mixing lime with the septage or a means to incorporate or inject the septage.

68.9(2) *Septic tank cleaning.* Tanks shall be emptied of all waste. Sludge may be loosened by pumping liquid back into the tank or adding dilution water. The tank does not have to be washed out with fresh water; however, no more than four inches of waste shall be left in the bottom.

68.9(3) *Miscellaneous.*

- a.* Any tanks or equipment used for hauling septage from private sewage disposal systems shall not be used for hauling hazardous or toxic wastes as defined in 567—Chapter 131 or other wastes detrimental to land application or wastewater treatment plants and shall not be used in a manner that would contaminate a potable water supply or endanger the food chain or public health.
- b.* Pumps and associated piping shall be installed with watertight connections to prevent leakage.
- c.* Agitation capability for use in cleaning private sewage disposal systems to disperse sludge and scum into the liquid for proper cleaning shall be provided.
- d.* All vehicles shall display the license number (except for the year) assigned to the commercial septic tank cleaner with three-inch or larger letters and numbers on the side of the tank or vehicle.
- e.* The name and address of the license holder shall be prominently displayed on the side of the tank or vehicle in letters at least three inches high.
- f.* A direct connection shall not be made between a potable water source and the tank or equipment on the vehicle.