

***INSTRUCTIONS* TO BONDING COMPANY FOR EXECUTION OF THE
2025 SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM INSTALLER, SERVICE PROVIDER, AND SEPTAGE
HAULER REGISTRATION BOND**

General Information

- All sewage treatment system installers, service providers and septage haulers must use the State of Ohio Registration Bond Form as per the requirements for contractor bonding in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3701-29-03(C)(6), except as permissible in rule OAC 3701-29-03(G) and (H).
- The 2025 Sewage Treatment System Registration Bonds for installers, service providers, and septage haulers are available in a PDF format on the ODH website at: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/sewage-treatment-systems/INFORMATION-FOR-CONTRACTORS> or by contacting the Ohio Department of Health Residential Sewage Program at Sewage@odh.ohio.gov
- All information on the bond form must be complete and correct.
- Please follow the instructions below, and submit all documents listed in item #10.
 - **THE REGISTRATION BOND MUST BE FOR THE AMOUNT required in OAC rule 3701-29-03(C)(6)(e). (see Table 1 below)**

OAC rule 3701-29-03(C)(6)(e) Table 1. Contractor bonding requirements.

Number of systems (annually)	Installer		Service Provider		Septage Hauler	
	HSTS	SFOSTS	HSTS	SFOSTS	HSTS	SFOSTS
One system	Equal to system cost	\$25,000	N/A	\$25,000*	\$25,000	\$25,000
More than one system	\$40,000		\$25,000*		\$25,000	

* STS service provider bond requirement reduced to \$15,000 for service providers with dual registration as STS installer and STS service provider.

Forms

There are two Installer surety bonds: (1) for multiple system installations and alterations, and (2) for single system/small flow installations or alterations. Be aware that if going from a single system installer bond to a multiple system installer bond, new surety bond paperwork (with original signatures, seal, and power of attorney) shall be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health showing the change in status of the bond coverage.

The Surety Bond Forms Package are available on the ODH Sewage Program website:

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/sewage-treatment-systems/INFORMATION-FOR-CONTRACTORS>

1. HEA Form 5438 – 2025 Service Provider Bond Form Package
2. HEA Form 5439 – 2025 Installer Bond Form for Multiple Systems Package
3. HEA Form 5440 – 2025 Septage Hauler Bond Form Package
4. HEA Form 5448 – 2025 Installer Bond Form for Single System Package

The Bond Form package includes instructions, the bond form and the contractor contact information form.

Completing the Form

The bond form may be completed in two ways. You may print the blank form and fill in the lines by hand with a blue or black pen, or, if available, you may fill in the form using Adobe Acrobat Reader to open, complete, save and print the form by clicking on the print button.

1. Fill in the bond number on the line provided in the upper left-hand corner of the bond form.
2. Fill in the legal company name and address of the company applying for the registration bond on the first, second and third lines exactly as it appears on the Local Health District registration application form as a sewage treatment system installer, service provider, or septage hauler.
3. List the name of the surety company on the line provided.
4. Check the box indicating the bond amount being provided on the appropriate bond form. Refer to the table above in the General Information.
5. Fill in the Bond Effective Date. This is the date the bond becomes effective for the 2025 calendar year, and it must be December 31, 2024, or later.
6. Fill in the information and signatures at the bottom of the bond:
 - a) Print the Legal Company name of the company applying for the bond. This item **must** match the Legal Company Name as it appears at the top of the bond
 - b) Printed name and original/electronic signature of the company owner or representative
 - c) Name and contact information of the surety company, including address and telephone number
 - d) Original/electronic signature of the Attorney-in-Fact
7. After completing the printed form by hand or printing the completed form from the computer, sign and date the form as required in the required Signature boxes found at the bottom of the bond. Signatures are either by hand using a blue or black pen or electronic.
8. Apply the seal (Paper or Electronic) of the Surety Company in the space provided on the bond form.
9. Attach the Power-of-Attorney form for the Attorney-in-Fact. The bond number on the Power-of-Attorney must match the surety bond number.
10. Mail or email the complete bond packet to the address below. **SUBMIT ORIGINALS ONLY.** Submissions must include:
 1. **2025 Registration Bond**, complete with original/electronic signatures and corporate seal (Electronic or paper seal)
 2. **Power of Attorney (POA)** for the 2025 Registration Bond.
 3. **Sewage Contractor Contact Information Form.**

**Mail Bond Package to:
Ohio Department of Health
BEHRP/ Residential Sewage Program
246 N. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215-0278**

The complete **bond package can also be emailed** to SewageBonds@odh.ohio.gov

Please allow up to thirty (30) days upon receipt of the surety bond(s) by the ODH Residential Sewage Program for bond(s) to be processed. The status of a bond submission can be checked by visiting the "Contractor Bond Lists" tab on the ODH Residential Sewage Program webpage at: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/sewage-treatment-systems/INFORMATION-FOR-LHDS/>

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Residential Sewage Program at (614) 644-7551 or by email at Sewage@odh.ohio.gov.