



# TOWNSHIP OF CENTRAL FRONTENAC

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## **Central Frontenac's Mandatory Septic Re-Inspection Program is Underway**

Central Frontenac will be starting its mandatory septic re-inspection program in May. This program is replacing the voluntary inspection program in place since 2014.

The goal of this program is to help educate property owners while protecting the quality of surface and groundwater within the township.

Central Frontenac has contracted with Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO) to provide inspection services on behalf of the township.

The inspection roll-out will focus on systems greater than 10 years old, starting with all properties with a Class One-Five sewage system within 30m of a sensitive lake. These lakes are Eagle, Crow, Hungry, Sharbot West Basin and Silver Lakes. Eventually all waterfront properties will be inspected, then non-waterfront properties in the Township.

The township hopes to complete 300 inspections a year. If your property is chosen for inspection, you will receive a package and instruction in the mail from the MRSSO. Inspections will be scheduled between May-September (longer, if weather permits) and property owners should be present for the inspection. You will be given a copy of the report.

Those property owners who undertook a voluntary inspection will not be required to have a re-inspection until ten years after the inspection. The cost for the re-inspection will be \$100 and will be billed at the time of the re-inspection. Unpaid fees will be added to the property owner's tax account.

The township is working on a financial assistance plan for low income families who may require financial assistance as a result of a failed system.

The authority to conduct these inspections is set out in the Ontario Building Code Act and its regulations. Inspections may be completed by an independent inspector if the inspector is qualified and submits the prescribed form to MRSSO. More information is available on our website [www.centralfrontenac.com](http://www.centralfrontenac.com).

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