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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR ABANDONED SEPTIC TANKS

TAC Chapter 285, On, Site Sewage Facility Rules, regulates the procedure for handling abandoned septic tanks as follows:

285.36 Abandoned Tanks, Boreholes, Cesspools and Seepage Pits

- (a) An abandoned tank is a tank that is not to be used again for holding sewage.
- (b) To properly abandon, the owner shall conduct the following actions, in the ordered listed.
 - (1) All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks, and pump tanks shall have the wastewater removed by a waste transporter, holding a current registration with the executive director.
 - (2) All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks and pump tanks shall be filled to ground level with fill material which is free of organic and construction debris

For additional advice on these matters and other related issues, please contact the Matagorda County Environmental Health Department.