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Notice To All Mobile Food Units Permitted in Rappahannock Rapidan Health District

Dear Mobile Food Unit Operator,

This notice is being sent to all mobile food units permitted within the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District. If your unit is already in full compliance with [sewage handling and disposal requirements](#), please disregard this message.

As a reminder, **all greywater and sewage must be disposed of at an approved facility**, in order for the Health Department to issue or renew your Mobile Unit Permit.

Pursuant to [12VAC5-421-2570](#), sewage must be disposed of through one of the following approved methods:

1. A public sewage treatment plant, or
2. An individual sewage disposal system that is sized, constructed, maintained, and operated according to Virginia State Board of Health regulations

Storing greywater in tanks or totes (as seen below) and having it pumped out by a licensed sewage handler is considered pump-and-haul service. Permanent Pump and Haul must be approved by the County. Permanent pump-and-haul operations are not allowed in Culpeper County without a special exemption. Additionally, Culpeper Town Code § 24-160 prohibits pump-and-haul operations within the Town of Culpeper. Violations are subject to penalties of up to a \$1,000 fine or up to 12 months of imprisonment.

Under [12VAC5-610-80](#), no sewage or greywater may be discarded:

- Onto the ground
- Into waters of the Commonwealth
- Into storm drains or ditches

Improper disposal presents both environmental and public health risks.

All mobile units must ensure:

- Wastewater is disposed of at an **approved** facility.
- Submit a new commissary agreement form to the health department for any change to disposal/service area.
- Ensure disposal documents and receipts are available upon request.



Failure to comply may result in the suspension of VDH Mobile Unit Permit or prevent the permit form being issued.

If you have questions about proper disposal, permitting, or acceptable wastewater management options, please contact your local Health Department. We are available to help you understand requirements and identify approved local disposal sites. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting public health and maintaining compliance with Virginia regulations.

Sincerely,
Vy Truong
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