

Indiana State Department of Health

Division of Environmental Public Health

Procedures to close a Recreational Vehicle Campground

In order to close a campground, the following must be completed before the area of land is no longer considered a campground pursuant to Indiana Rule 410 IAC 7.1.

- Reduce the number of campsites to nine (9) or less.
- Water and sewer risers on each vacated campsite must be disconnected and capped at the main distribution or collection line. If any portion of the water distribution system is to remain in use, dead spaces must not be created in it.
- Electrical service, including the meter, must be removed from each campsite. Also, power to the meters must be turned off. Please contact the appropriate electric company for their assistance.
- Natural gas service, where provided, must be removed from each abandoned campsite. Please contact the appropriate gas company for their assistance.
- Once campsites are eliminated any onsite sewage systems must have the septic tank(s) properly abandoned by being pumped free of all solids and liquid by an Indiana licensed wastewater hauler and the contents disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The septic tank(s) then must be filled with debris free sand or other granular material, concrete, or soil material that is compacted to prevent settling.
- If abandoning the well serving the campground, it must be properly abandoned in accordance with 312 IAC 13 of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- Vault privies and pit privies must be pumped by an Indiana licensed wastewater hauler and the contents disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Abandoned vaults and privy pits must be filled with debris free sand or other granular material, concrete, or soil material that is compacted to prevent settling.
- Sanitary dumping station tank(s) must be pumped by an Indiana licensed wastewater hauler and the contents disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The dumping station tank(s) must then be filled with debris free sand or other granular material, concrete, or soil material that is compacted to prevent settling.
- Any building that does not have an approved and properly functioning onsite sewage system must have the water and sewer lines abandoned. The lines are to be cut and sealed where they enter the building and also at the water and sewer main lines.

Confirmation by a staff inspection is required before the campground will be considered closed. Additional information may be obtained from the Division of Environmental Public Health website at: www.eph.in.gov.