

Subsurface Sewage Disposal System **CLEANER Exam Information**

- Exam applications must be completed and submitted to the Department of Public Health (DPH) by their respective due dates.
([Current Exam Schedule and due dates](#))
- Exam offered 4 times a year (quarterly) at the DPH building in Hartford, CT.
- Exam time allowed is 2 hours; passing grade is 80 or higher.
- Exam consists of 25 true/false questions.
- Applications, dates, and other exam related information can be obtained from the following websites:

www.ct.gov/dph/subsurfacesewage and www.ct.gov/dph/ehlicenses

- It is recommended that the following documents be used as study material when preparing for the CLEANER exam:

CT Public Health Code Regulations and Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems ([Purchase](#) or [Free Download](#))

1. Public Health Code Sections 19-13-B103b, c and f
2. Technical Standards Section V (Septic Tanks and Grease Interceptor Tanks)

Design Manual - Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems for Households and Small Commercial Buildings ([Purchase](#) or [Free Download](#))

1. Chapters 1, 8, 9, and 29
- Connecticut Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (COWRA) offers a preparation course for both the Cleaner and Installer exams. COWRA charges a fee for these voluntary courses. More detailed information can be obtained on their website at www.cowra-online.org or by contacting them at (860) 267-1057.