

Mandatory Septic Inspections 2016-2020

Mandatory Maintenance Inspections - At a Glance

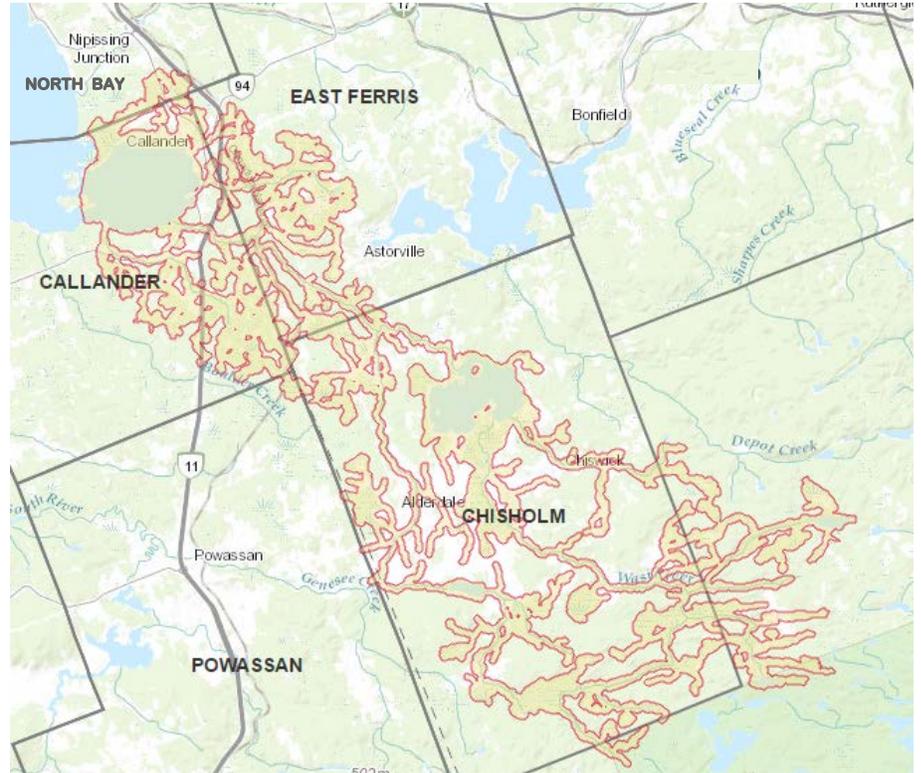
- ☛ The Ontario Building Code (OBC) requires all septic systems in Ontario identified as a “significant threat” to drinking water sources to be inspected every five years.
- ☛ More than 8,000 septic systems throughout Ontario, including 600 in the Callander-Wasi subwatershed, are subject to a mandatory maintenance inspection.
- ☛ The Drinking Water Source Protection program (www.actforcleanwater.ca) identified phosphorus as a contributing factor to the growth of blue green algae which produces a toxin (microcystin) that is an “issue” for the health and safety of drinking water in Callander.



- ☛ These inspections will help identify any faulty septic systems that may be contributing phosphorus to creeks, streams, rivers and lakes.
- ☛ The Ontario Building Code appoints the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority as the agency to conduct these inspections and allows the Board of Directors to set a fee to be charged to cover the cost of conducting the inspections.

Are You Affected?

Properties located within 120 metres of a watercourse that flows into Callander Bay must be inspected every five years.



Your Invoice and Certificate of Compliance

You will receive a letter advising you that your property will be inspected. An inspector will leave a note and information about septic system care the day of the visit. An invoice will be forwarded to you to cover the cost of the mandatory maintenance visual inspection. Upon payment, you'll receive a certificate to indicate if your septic system passed the inspection. The inspector will advise you if they observe any problems.

A Reminder - Down the Drain

Everything that goes down the drain – every shower drop, toilet flush, kitchen drain - flows to the septic system. There are many contaminants in waste water - bacteria, viruses, parasites - that can affect your health and the environment. If contaminants reach your drinking water supply, they can cause diseases or other health or environmental problems.



A visual inspection of your system by a septic inspector, together with your careful management of your system, will help protect you, your family and our lakes, rivers, streams and drinking water sources.

Learn more at www.nbmca.on.ca – Septic Systems or contact NBMCA for a Septic Owners Info Package.