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Memo to All Septic System Installers

The Halifax Board of Health would like to alert all installers of septic systems of the potential dangers associated with open holes, especially those left overnight.

While most installers are aware of the safety issues involved in this situation, there have been recent cases where it has been mishandled. We request that you attempt to avoid leaving a bottom hole open by communicating with the Board of Health office as soon as you think the site may be ready for inspection. Also, please communicate with your provider of replacement material as soon as possible so that waiting for delivery is not the reason for leaving a deep hole open overnight. However, even with your best efforts we understand that there can be unforeseen delays.

We wish to remind you that you are completely responsible for the construction site safety. The Board suggests the following steps are to be taken when a hole is unavoidably left open:

1. Orange "snow" fencing is to be placed completely around the perimeter of the hole. Yellow caution tape is not sufficient.
2. Warning signs are to be placed on at least three sides of the hole facing out.

Please let us know if you have comments or suggestions regarding this issue.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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