

**TOWN OF MASHPEE  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM RETENTION POLICY**

It is the policy of the Mashpee Board of Health that a cesspool or leaching pit must have enough remaining liquid capacity to accommodate twenty-four (24) hours retention time below the inlet tee. The inspector shall measure the remaining capacity ( $\pi r \times \text{depth}$ ) (7.5 gallons/cubic foot): (110 gallons per bedroom per day). Should the cesspool or leaching pit not have this capacity, the system shall be deemed in failure.

This policy is adopted on October 23, 1997.

Steven R. Ball, Chairman  
John T. Doherty, Co-Chairman  
Robert F. Cram, Clerk