

Bondeau's Septic Tank Clean-up Coordinated by Aimond Alexis June 13, 2015

A septic tank clean-up in Bondeau was performed on Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th of June, 2015.

The crew from Les Cayes arrived on the scene around 11: 00AM. They spent the first two hours trying to locate water to fill the truck which is then chlorinated and pumped into the septic tanks.

Due to a delay at the rental car agency, I was unable to be on site in Bondeau when the truck arrived. Once water the truck was filled with water, which holds 1,500 gallons, they were able to perform their tasks cleaning out the septic tanks. After the workers pumped the septic tank, and the truck was full, they drove to Fonfrede, 20 km southwest of Les Cayes to discharge the load at a waste station.

When the truck returned from dumping the first load they pumped the septic tank at Kay Timoun a second time, withdrawing a half load into the truck. They cleaned up the septic tank and disinfected it with chlorinated water.

The workers then tried to locate the septic tank for the Guest House but they were not successful. They made a good effort working to 11:00PM but could not locate the opening to the tank. I called off the search and talked to the priest and arranged for the workers to spend the night in the Guest House. I was in constant contact via cell phone with the workers throughout the first day.

I arrived in Bondeau Sunday morning at 8:30AM. When I arrived, I saw the workers trying to dig a hole in the concrete where they think the septic tank for the teachers toilet is. They were worked for two hours trying to create an opening to access the septic tank but were not successful. I halted the digging and talked with other people on site trying to get more information about the location of the tank. We tried digging in several other places and finally located the last chamber of the septic tank which was dry and empty. At that time, I concluded that the two previous chambers were not yet full and there was no need to pump this septic tank. If there was an opening and if we were able to dig a hole easily we would have pumped the first tank. I remained on site until 11:30AM so I could talk with the priest.



The priest and I, went to the location of the septic tank for the teachers and looked for an opening but could not find one. We talked to the other workers on site who had been digging in the area and they could not offer any information. Since we were not able to find openings for the other septic tanks (teachers toilet and guest house), no pumping could be done.

I informed the priest that the latrines cannot be cleaned at this time because it requires another procedure and the workers did not have the proper equipment. The latrines need to be cleaned by a different private company and it requires another big truck which carries fifteen to twenty drums to store the waste. The drums are then transported to the waste station in Fonfrede. The preliminary cost estimate for cleaning the latrines by the other company would be 35,000.00 gourdes (\$720 US).



Item	Cost
Trucking	10,000gdes
Gasoline	10,500gdes
Dust Masks	400gdes
Gloves	500gdes
Truck Wash	500gdes
Oil	450gdes
Food for workers	500gdes
Helper	2,000gdes
Labor	15,000gdes
Rental Car	\$340
Gasoline for car	\$100
TOTAL	U.S. \$1,325

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