Towns have jurisdiction to enforce local health and safety codes.

Towns may report violations to the requisite state authority for enforcement purposes.

If health code violations, the park can be placed in a form of probation by the THO until violations are corrected.

THOs can play an important role in managing health issues. CVOEO has already established communication and guidance to THOs related to MHPs.
Current responsibilities of the owner to MHP tenants:

A. Electrical Services: The mobile home lot owner is responsible for installation and maintenance of the electrical service to the main electrical panel in the home.

B. Water Supply: The mobile home lot owner is responsible for the maintenance of water lines to a point at which the lines surface under the mobile home.

C. Sewage Disposal: The mobile home lot owner is responsible for the maintenance of the sewage disposal system to the point where it surfaces from the ground to service the mobile home.
Tenants’ rights:
Vermont's mobile home act includes provisions that allow affected tenants to withhold rent until a problem is fixed or to make improvements themselves and deduct the cost from their rent, similar to provisions in the normal landlord tenant law. **These withholdings are limited to circumstances that endanger the health or safety of the residents.**
Septic and Water Issues

- Department of Environmental Conservation
  802-654-8980
  Resources at their site:
  [http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/engserv.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/engserv.htm)

- If you are having trouble ask for Gary Kessler, the director of their enforcement program, and identify yourself as a town health officer.
• Deficiencies in drinking water and wastewater systems can be costly to address.

• Data is available at the DEC Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division (DWGPD) to assess public water systems.

• The EPA and DWPGD classify a water system as a Public Water System if it serves at least 25 people or 15 service connections for at least 60 days per year.[1]

• MHPs with 15 connections or serving more than 25 people must comply with national regulations unless part of a municipal water system.

• 75 of Vermont’s 246 MHPs are regulated public water systems. The remaining parks are either part of a municipal water system or have a small-scale potable water system.
Resources for Infrastructure Improvement

• CDBG funding

• DWGPD funding
  Funding priority list set by income level of community
  Income survey for the park.
  Up to 30% of total project cost can be obtained with grant funding

• Vermont Rural Water Association
  Conducts income surveys
  Offers technical assistance

Agencies that can help

Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)

• Shares information and coordinates among state agencies regarding health and safety issues in existing MHPs

• Disseminates information about mobile home park issues on its website: accd.vermont.gov/strongcommunities

• Offers technical assistance, referrals, and information to the public, state and local officials, and others interested in mobile home issues in Vermont.
Useful DHCD Resources

1. Part III (Mobile Home Park Warranty of Habitability) of the Housing Division Rules.
   
   http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/housing/rules

2. Rental Housing Health Code applies to rented mobile homes in parks and includes Section IX on rented (private) mobile home lots that are not located in a mobile home park.

   http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/housing/housing_resources/rental
For more information, contact:

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Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development
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Arthur.hamlin@state.vt.us
Website: www.accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/housing/mobile_home_parks
CVOEO is a 501c(3) nonprofit that was incorporated in 1965 and is one of five Community Action Agencies in Vermont.

Three programs of CVOEO serve residents statewide:

- Fair Housing Project
- Mobile Home Program
- Vermont Tenants, Inc.
CVOEO Mobile Home Program

• Provides information and referrals to individual residents with questions on a variety of issues

• Works with groups of mobile home park residents on a number of community-wide

• Provides “A Guide to Your Rights: for Vermont Mobile Home Park Residents” online at www.cvoeo.org (click on Housing) or call to request hard copies.
Contact:
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swoodward@cvoeo.org
802.660.3455 x204
255 South Champlain Street
P.O. Box 1603
Burlington, VT 05401
www.cvoeo.org
Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs)

Resources for Anchoring ASTS

• Vermont Waste Management Division
  – Manages the State Petroleum Clean-up Fund[1]

• Vermont Fuel Dealers Association[2] (VFDA)
  – Provides information related to fuel storage and anchoring

• National Fire Protection Association
  – Regulates modifications to propane tanks
• Vermont Public Safety
  – Includes regulations about propane tanks in their 2012 Fire and Building Safety Code.[3]

• Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
  – Manages AST rules
  – VFDA Compliance Bulletin and October 2011 ANR AST Rules are useful resources [4] [5]

• DEC Waste Management and Prevention Division
  – Has grants available for the removal and replacement of fuel storage tanks [6]
References for AST info

[1] http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=10&Chapter=059&Section=01941


