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HELP! MY SEPTIC?!

**Call Clallam County
Environmental Health!**

WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU PAY FOR:



Inspections
Pumping
Repairs
System Locates



Applications for financial assistance are quick and easy to fill out.

For application questions, please contact:
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(360) 417-2417

Selected conditions and restrictions apply.



FOR GENERAL INFORMATION:

CALL (360) 417-2506

EMAIL: envirohealth@clallamcountywa.gov

clallamcountywa.gov/septic



A newsletter for Clallam residents, with information on septic systems, water quality, and public health.

See if your Septic System can Survive the Summer Swelter!

- Take the time this summer to think about septic system care and maintenance. Have your system inspected before your guests arrive.
- Contact Clallam County-EH for a list of licensed maintenance providers at clallamcountywa.gov/septic
- Do not treat your septic system like a garbage can, only toilet paper and human waste should go down the drain. **Use cleaning products in moderation.**
- Green Cleaning is preferred! Contact Clallam County-EH for our green cleaning handout.

Upcoming Septic Classes and Outreach Events

We're currently working on our Fall 2024 class schedule!

Come see us at RiverFest 2024!

Keep that Drainfield Strong and Beautiful all Summer Long!

- Do not allow vehicles to drive or park on your drainfield.
- If you have RV visitors, make sure they do not dump RV holding tank chemicals or RV toilet paper into your septic system.
- Do not allow grey water discharges on your property.
- Grey water or kitchen sink/laundry/shower waste has harmful pathogens and can make your visitors sick if they come in contact with it.
- Keep your lawn mowed and maintained, grass is best over your drainfield.
- Do not place or empty your above ground pool over your drainfield.

Oh Me! Oh My! We're in a DROUGHT?!?

"Low snowpack and forecasts for a dry and warm spring and summer prompted Ecology to declare a drought emergency for most of Washington state." (DOE, 2024).

INDOOR:

1. Forgo the garbage disposal. Instead, compost fruit and vegetable food waste. Use the compost on your garden!
2. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute.
3. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak.
4. When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
5. When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all

START WITH YOU!

Help alleviate the effects of the 2024 Clallam County Drought by adopting at least one indoor and one outdoor water saving tip this season!

FUN FACT:

OUTDOOR:

1. When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
2. Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
3. When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your non-edible plants.
4. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses.
5. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it.

Conserving water throughout your home can save you hundreds, if not thousands, annually on septic tank repair emergencies.

Know where your Drainfield is!

For a map of your septic system visit clallamcountywa.gov/septic

FOUND IT!!!

