

# Do-It-Yourself Septic System Inspection Program

## Clallam County Environmental Health Services

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## DO-IT-YOURSELF SEPTIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST: Gravity Drainfield

- Assemble tools and materials needed for inspection (pg. 7-9 in the field guide) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Safety Rules (pg. 10 of field guide or on website) Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wear Protective Clothing. Do NOT Inspect Alone Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remember, if you encounter problems, please STOP and Call a Professional

### SEPTIC TANK QUESTIONS (pages 11-18 in the field guide)

- Are the risers watertight with no visible leaks?  Yes  No  Not Present  
Are the risers free of cracks or visible damage?  Yes  No  Not Present  
Is the tank free of strong, overpowering odor?  Yes  No  
Where is the liquid level in the tank?  At Base of Outlet Pipe  Above  Below  
Does the scum layer look like living, healthy soil?  Yes  No  
Can you clearly see baffles above the scum layer?  Yes  No  
Is the scum layer well below lid opening?  Yes  No  
Are baffles free of clogs and leaks around the seals?  
(If concrete—Is it intact and not corroded?)  Yes  No

### Scum and Sludge Measurements

Inlet	Outlet
Scum = _____"	Scum = _____"
Sludge = _____"	Sludge = _____"
Total = _____"	Total = _____"

- Did you clean the outlet baffle filter?  Yes  No  
Does your tank need pumping?  Yes  No

### GRAVITY DRAINFIELD QUESTIONS (pages 19-22 in the field guide)

- Are there any strong odors?  Yes  No  
Are there any mushy or swampy areas or surfacing effluent?  Yes  No  
Is there standing water inside the inspection port(s)?  Yes  No  Not Present  
If the system has a distribution box, is it accessible?  Yes  No  
Is the distribution box free of solid waste, scum and clogs?  Yes  No  Not Present  
Is the distribution box free from cracks and leaks?  Yes  No  Not Present  
Does the effluent appear to be flowing evenly into all drain pipes?  Yes  No  Not Present

- Close up and Clean-up (page 23 in the field guide)  
All openings covered and lids secured  
Wash and sanitize all tools  
Wash your hands

- Submit inspection report (page 24 in the field guide)