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CLALLAM COUNTY OSS PROGRAM

Clallam County's Onsite Sewage System (OSS) Program helps homeowners care for septic systems to prevent costly repairs and protect drinking water and the environment.

What we're doing

We're helping bring Clallam County into compliance with regular septic inspection requirements. All septic system owners Countywide are expected to maintain and inspect their septic systems. We place extra emphasis on septic system operation and maintenance in the Marine Recovery Area (eastern part of Clallam County) where septic systems contribute to water pollution and limit access to shellfish harvest.

How we're doing it

- Homeowner education on septic system care
- DIY self-inspection classes
- Professional septic inspection rebates
- Regular septic inspection enforcement
- Failing septic system repair enforcement



Professional septic inspection in progress.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

Clallam County has over 20,000 septic systems. Many are located in the eastern part of the County where some have failed and contributed to water pollution. Often, regular care and maintenance can prevent septic system failure. Prevention saves homeowners money, protects human health, and safeguards the environment.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you have a septic system, conserve water and don't flush anything besides septic-friendly toilet paper. Take a free do-it-yourself (DIY) training course or hire a professional inspector. Contact Clallam County Environmental Health for information about financial assistance available to owners of failing septic systems. If you become aware of a failing septic system or illegal dumping, report it to Environmental Health.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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