



# ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEM ABANDONMENT

## How Do I Apply?

Obtain an On-Site Sewage System Abandonment application from the Thurston County Permit Assistance Center. Perform the abandonment (instructions below). Within five days of completion of the abandonment, complete the application, including the Certification section. Attach the pumper slip to the On-site Sewage System Abandonment application and submit both to the Thurston County Permit Assistance Center, with the applicable review fee. Complete application package requirements are outlined on the application.

## Perform the Abandonment

Have the sewage container pumped out by a Thurston County certified sewage system pumper. Ask the sewage system pumper to complete a pumper slip, certifying the pumping. Remove or destroy the sewage container lid. Fill the sewage container with earth, sand or gravel. It is recommended that the pipes leading into and out of the sewage container be disconnected.

## Review Process

Environmental Health staff will review the documents and may visit the site to confirm the process. Upon approval, a copy of the approved application will be mailed to the applicant and County records will be changed to reflect the abandonment of the on-site sewage system.

**Note:** If the abandonment is part of another Environmental Health review for the same property, and the reviews are being conducted concurrently, the abandonment fee may be waived. Please reference the pending review application when submitting the on-site sewage system abandonment application.

## I Still Have Questions...

The information in this bulletin is a general guideline of the procedures and rules. For additional information, speak with a staff member at the Permit Assistance Center. Contact information is listed below. You may also review all Thurston County Codes online on the County website referenced at the bottom of this page.

### Thurston County Permit Assistance Center

3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501 Phone: (360) 786-5490;  
TDD line: (360) 754-2933; Fax: (360) 754-2939 [www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting)