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To: Potential Sewage System Installers

From: Brad Sangston (360-867-2652)

Subject: Procedures for Certification as Sewage System Installer in Thurston County

Thurston County Environmental Health has developed a packet of information that is available to anyone interested in becoming a certified sewage system installer. The packet is now available at our website <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/public-health-and-social-services/environmental-health/septic-systems/information-guidance-septic-professionals> under the Installer drop-down:

This packet of information is designed to provide a potential installer with the necessary information to successfully pass the department's examination and to be an informed installer. The department administers the examination based on the availability of conference rooms and staff workload. On the date of your examination, you will need to provide the following:

- Completed application form. A copy is included in this information packet but can also be obtained from the Building Development Center.
- Copy of your current Labor and Industries Contractor's Registration.
- The Appropriate fee (inquire at time of submittal of application).

It is also advisable to bring pens/pencils, a scale ruler and calculator for the examination. The minimum passing score on the examination is 80% for both Sections 1 and 2. If an applicant is successful, the firm and/or individual will be certified and observed in a probationary status for the first year. If an applicant fails the examination, the test may be retaken - with payment of an additional fee - at the department's convenience. If an applicant fails the second examination, another testing opportunity will not be offered until the applicant can demonstrate that the necessary experience has been gained.

Per Section 23.9.2 of Article IV and ONST.12.POL.854, an alternative to taking the examination from Thurston County staff is at the Washington On-Site Sewage Association (WOSSA) campus. Thurston County will give reciprocity for **Installer Level 2 Exam** taken at WOSSA as Environmental Health has a contract with them to administer installer tests. You may contact them at (253) 770-6594. Applicants for Thurston County Certification will still need to submit the above information and discuss the Installer Program, local requirements, and expectations with staff. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Brad.