


Thurston County
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Title: REPAIR AND CERTIFICATION OF FAILING SEWAGE TANKS

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Environmental Health Director

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Purpose: Failing or leaking sewage tanks must be properly repaired and certified watertight by a Thurston County Certified OSS professional.

1. Only Thurston County certified OSS professionals may repair failing sewage tanks.
2. Certified OSS industry professional making repairs to leaking sewage tanks are required to submit documentation to the Department that the repair was successful. The documentation will be submitted via OnLine RME.
3. The sewage tank must be made watertight for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. This requires a minimum twenty-four (24) hour leak test.
4. In the event an owner or other non-certified individual repair a failing sewage tank a certified OSS professional must evaluate and certify the repair.
5. If a sewage tank cannot be certified as repaired it must be replaced.
6. Thurston County Environmental Health staff may, at their discretion, inspect sewage tank repairs. In the event a tank is found to be leaking after the twenty four hours leak test, the tank must be repaired or replaced.
7. Septic tanks that must be replaced and cannot be repaired include: metal, wooden, or block tanks, tanks that are under 900 gallons in size and poly and fiberglass tanks that have been damaged or punctured.