Fact Sheet

Oregon Septic Smart

What is Oregon Septic Smart?

Oregon DEQ is joining efforts with industry professionals and private citizens to help educate Oregonians about the importance of septic systems, septic system inspections and proper septic system maintenance.

Oregon Septic Smart Goals

The Oregon Septic Smart Initiative has two main goals:

1. Provide Oregonians with easy access to important information about their septic systems
2. Provide Oregonians with easy access to certified industry professionals that perform septic system inspections, also called Existing System Evaluations

Onsite Professionals: How to Get Involved!

Click on the links to access forms and additional information, or find the URL below.

If you are a certified, onsite professional Oregon Septic Smart wants YOU!

Installer, Maintenance Provider, Wastewater Specialist, Environmental Health Specialist and NAWT certified professionals can sign-up with Oregon Septic Smart by filling out a short, three minute survey.

After signing-up with Oregon Septic Smart you will be identified on the Oregon Septic Smart webpage and the OSS Inspector List. Real estate agents, home owners and home buyers utilize this database to locate onsite professionals in their area!

All you have to do to participate in this voluntary program is submit an annual end-of-the year survey in December. Check out Oregon Septic Smart Pro to learn more!

Home Owners and Home Buyers: What YOU Need to Know!

Click on the links to access additional information, or find the URL below.

The operation and maintenance of a septic system is 100% the responsibility of the system owner. Check out Oregon Septic Smart Home and learn more about important steps to follow to make sure you are properly operating and maintaining your septic system. Septic systems that are not inspected and maintained on a regular schedule can negatively impact ecosystems as well as cause public health concerns.

It is important to have a septic system inspection *prior* to buying or selling a home. Because septic systems can fail for many reasons, an inspection will help to protect the home seller as well as the home buyer.

Where can you find a list of certified onsite wastewater inspectors? The Oregon Septic Smart Inspector List is a great place to start! Every individual on the OSS Inspector List is current with their certification(s) and is allowed to perform septic system inspections.

Oregon Septic Smart Home provides access to important information regarding owner responsibility, proper septic system operation and guides to septic system maintenance. You can also access easy to follow guides that describe the "what and how" of septic systems

Find additional information on the web pages below:

- Sign-up to be an Oregon Septic Smart Inspector:
  http://www.oregon.gov/deq/WQ/Pages/onsite/SepticSmartPro.aspx

- Find the end-of-year survey for Oregon Septic Smart Inspectors:
  http://www.oregon.gov/deq/WQ/Pages/onsite/SepticSmartPro.aspx

- Looking for an Oregon Septic Smart Inspector? Want more information about your septic system?
  http://www.oregon.gov/deq/WQ/Pages/onsite/SepticSmartHome.aspx

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