The sanitary survey is a comprehensive review, inspection and assessment of a public water system, including, but not limited to, source, facilities, equipment, operation and administration, maintenance records, planning documents and schedules; monitoring plans and results, for the purpose of ensuring that safe and adequate drinking water is provided. The scope of this survey may vary depending upon the condition and complexity of the facilities and the history of the water system.

Thurston County Environmental Health offers this inspection as a service to public water systems in Thurston County. The funding for this program is on a fee for service basis. The current fee for the sanitary survey is $845.00 and must be submitted with the completed application.

In order to have your survey conducted by Thurston County Environmental Health you will need to complete the application and submit the fees to the Permit Assistance Center. The Permit Assistance Center is located on the second floor of Building One of the Thurston County Courthouse Complex. The courthouse is located at 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502-6045. You may also submit the application and fees by mail, to the address listed above. Your check can be made out to Thurston County Health Department.

Upon receipt of a completed application you will be contacted to schedule a convenient inspection time. The Sanitary Survey inspection will take between one and two hours and the applicant should have the water system’s records available for review.

After your survey is completed, the findings will be provided to you and the State Department of Health by submitting a standardized checklist including photographs and additional information as appropriate. When the State Department of Health receives this information, they will notify you that the sanitary survey requirement has been met, and will advise you of any follow-up action required.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thurston County Environmental Health’s Water Program at (360) 867-2629. It is our goal to assist water systems in meeting the State Department of Health’s requirements and provide safe and reliable drinking water.