



# News Release

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## **Public Meeting Set to Discuss Thurston County Septic System Regulations**

OLYMPIA – The public is invited to a meeting May 6<sup>th</sup> to learn about proposed changes to Thurston County’s septic system regulations. The proposed amendment is to update the requirements for on-site sewage system (OSS) inspections when a property is sold or transferred. The “time of transfer inspection” was put in place to meet state and local regulations, help inventory on-site sewage systems, and assure that failing on-site sewage systems are identified and repaired.

The proposed revisions to the county regulations would:

- Require the property owner to have the OSS evaluated by a private on-site sewage professional prior to the sale or transfer of the property and to report the findings to the buyer and the county Health Department;
- Require the Health Department to review the evaluation report and department permit records and issue a report to the applicant regarding the status of the OSS and any deficiencies found during the inspection; and,
- Clarify operational certificate requirements for some types of OSS and confirm who is authorized to conduct OSS inspections.

The proposed program creates a time of transfer fee to provide resources to the health department to complete their evaluation and reporting requirements.

Thurston County residents are urged to attend the public meeting to find out more about this proposal before the official Board of Health hearing. Staff will be available to review the proposed changes with you and discuss your questions and concerns. The Board of Health Hearing, where formal testimony on the proposed changes will be heard, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

The proposed implementation date for the “time of transfer inspection” program is September 1, 2010.

**Meeting to Discuss Proposed Changes to On-Site Sewage System regulations-  
Thursday, May 6th @ 6:00 PM  
Thurston County Public Health Offices  
412 Lilly Road NE, Room 107  
Olympia, WA 98506**

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