Thurston County Environmental Health classifies on-site sewage system as ‘non-conforming’ for the following reasons:

- A required Operational Certificate has expired.
- The Department has not received a completed, satisfactory inspection report.
- A report of required maintenance / minor repair work has not been received.
- The septic system is not operated consistent with its size and design.
- The septic system is failing and must be repaired through the County’s permitting process.

Thurston County Sanitary Code, Article IV, Section 16.7 outlines how to reinstate a non-conforming system.

1. Must complete an application for a field inspection with the $325 field inspection fee to the Permit Assistance Center. This application and instructions can be obtained at the Permit Assistance Center in Building 1 of the Thurston County Courthouse on the second floor. Check for hours of operation. The field inspection will be conducted by a Health Department sanitarian. [ See 4. Below ]

2. All past renewal fees, when applicable, must be paid.

Reports for the following must be submitted:

3. A septic system inspection by a septic professional.

4. The septic tank pumped within the last year by a certified pumper. The septic tank inlet and outlet lids must be exposed for the required field inspection by the County.

5. Any maintenance and repairs identified in any previous inspection or septic tank pump-outs must be completed and documented.

The non-conforming status of the on-site sewage system limits your ability to obtain other permits or County approvals.