# SKAGIT COUNTY Septic permit process

# **1. HIRE AN OSS DESIGNER**

On-site Sewage System (OSS) designers will work with you to determine what type of system can be installed on your parcel. We maintain <u>a list of WA State Certified OSS</u> <u>Designers that work in Skagit County</u>.



### 2. SUBMIT A PERMIT & PAY FEES

Permit applications, site plans, site and soil evaluations, and designs can be submitted <u>online</u> through Civic Access The required <u>fees</u> will be assessed and payment requested.



# **3. PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW**

Upon receipt of a complete application and payment, we'll begin review and make a determination within 30 days. If wet season/winter review is needed, the process may take up to 12 months.



### 4. PERMIT ISSUED

After review, possible consultation with your designer and/or site visit to your property, we'll approve the design and issue your permit. Repair permits expire after 1 year; all others expire in 3 years.

# 5. HIRE AN OSS INSTALLER

You'll need to hire a <u>Skagit County</u> <u>Certified OSS Installer</u> to install the system as designed. Based on the complexity of the design, not all installers will be able to complete the work.



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### **6. OSS FINAL INSPECTION**

When the installer is nearing completion, they will request a final inspection from SCPH - OSS Inspectors. We ask for 24-48 hour notice.



### 7. AS-BUILT & FINAL PERMIT

The final step in the permitting process is for an <u>as-built or record drawing</u> to be submitted to SCPH by your designer or installer. Once received, we'll finalize the permit which permits operation.



### 8. MAINTAIN YOUR SYSTEM

To ensure your system lasts for as long as possible, you'll need inspections every 1-3 years, pumping as needed, and likely minor repairs along the way.





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