



Clatsop County

Onsite Septic Program

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OPERATION & MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

All **Alternative Treatment Technology (ATT) Systems, Sand Filter Systems and Pressurized Distribution Systems** permitted on or after January 1, 2014 are required to be maintained by a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) licensed and certified operation & maintenance provider.

Maintenance Provider's Responsibilities

Maintenance providers are required to submit an annual maintenance report to Clatsop County and pay the annual report evaluation fee on behalf of their customers.

Additionally, maintenance providers are required to:

- ❖ Observe and record conditions of the drainfield during all operation and maintenance activities for the system and report those observations to the system owner
- ❖ Make necessary repairs or alterations that comply with Oregon Administrative Rules
- ❖ Make emergency service available within 48 hours of a service request
- ❖ Notify Clatsop County within 30 days of service agreement termination or expiration if the agreement is terminated or not renewed

Property Owner's Responsibilities

The owner of an **ATT, sand filter, or pressure distribution** system is responsible for paying for and maintaining a service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider for the entire life of the system.

Initial service agreement:

- ❖ A minimum (2) year service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider is required with all **ATT, sand filter, and pressure distribution** construction permit applications.

Subsequent service agreements:

- ❖ After the initial service agreement, the property owner must hold a valid, current service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider for the remaining life of the onsite system. These contracts can be ongoing or termed contracts.

Transfer of ownership:

- ❖ If property ownership changes hands, the new owner must sign a transfer of contract agreement with the maintenance provider or obtain a new service agreement.

Owners of these systems are also responsible for **allowing timely maintenance, properly operating the system, and ensuring the system does not present a public health hazard.**

This includes:

- ❖ Allowing maintenance providers safe access to the property;
- ❖ Following maintenance provider recommendations for proper usage;
- ❖ Permitting maintenance providers to make necessary repairs to the system and its components.

Oregon Administrative Rules

There are several Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) regarding onsite wastewater treatment system operation and maintenance. The information provided in this handout references and is applicable to the following rules:

OAR 340-071-0130(13) - Operation and maintenance
OAR 340-071-0130(17) - Annual permit fees and reports
OAR 340-071-0130(23) - Service Contracts
OAR 340-071-0130(24) - Maintenance providers under contract
OAR 340-071-0275(6) - Pressure distribution service contracts
OAR 340-071-0290(7) - Sand filter operation and maintenance
OAR 340-071-0345(12) - ATT operation and maintenance standards
OAR 340-071-0345(14) - ATT service contracts

The complete Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 340, is available online from the DEQ:
<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Residential/Pages/Onsite-Rules.aspx>

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