

# Septic System Maintenance Rebate Application

Whatcom County's Septic System Maintenance Rebate Program amounts are based on actual costs. Evaluations and septic pumping must be completed by a licensed specialist. Funding is limited and provided on a first come first serve basis.

## Steps to Receiving Your Rebate \$\$\$



More detailed information about steps 1-4 located on the back of this page or on our website.

Submit completed application to Whatcom County Public Works, Natural Resources Division at: 322 N. Commercial, 2nd Floor, Bellingham, WA 98225 or PICProgram@co.whatcom.wa.us.

I have included  Application  Invoice  Refresher Quiz (if required)

### Application Form - Please Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address City State Zip

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I qualify for Whatcom Assessor's property tax exemption for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities (see back)

I am requesting a rebate for:

- Septic System Evaluation  Equipment Installation  Septic Tank Pumping

Homeowner Training Date (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Service Date (within 1 year of application): \_\_\_\_\_

- In-Person Workshop  
 Online *Refresher Quiz is Required (see back for details)*  
 Over 3 years ago

Company hired for work: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the submitted information is correct:

How did you hear about this program? (Please Circle One)

Letter      Postcard      Social Media

Other \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

Whatcom County reserves the right to verify information prior to payment authorization.



# 2024 Septic System Maintenance Rebate Information



## Standard Septic Rebates will provide:

- \$150 for evaluation or
- \$150 for equipment install or
- \$250 for pumping activities

## Septic Assistance Rebates\* will provide:

- \$200 for evaluation and/or
- \$300 for pumping activities
- \$500 overall for both activities

\*To qualify for a **Septic Assistance Rebate** the applicant must receive the Whatcom County Assessor's Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities. Please visit <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/177/Assessor>

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### TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- Own a private residence with a septic system in Whatcom County.
- Complete a Health Department Septic System Homeowner Training **in-person** or **online**.
- Completed work with a licensed professional in the past year.
- Have not received a rebate for this property in the past 3 years.

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### COMPLETE A SEPTIC SYSTEM HOMEOWNER TRAINING:

- You can find training dates, locations, and the online course material on the Health Department website: [www.whatcomcounty.us/septic](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/septic). Pre-registration is required for the in-person class. Call (360)778-6000 to register or with training questions.
- **Submit your quiz** if you took the **online course** or as a refresher if it has been over 3 years since you had a homeowner training.

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### HIRE A LICENSED SPECIALIST TO CONDUCT WORK: (Evaluation or Pumping)

- Septic specialists are licensed by the Whatcom County Health Department.
- You can find the list of licensed specialist on their website: [www.whatcomcounty.us/septic](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/septic).
- Keep your receipt as proof of payment to submit with your application.
- **IMPORTANT: Date of work on invoice must be within one year of submitting application.**

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### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND RECEIPT TO WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS:

Attn: Rebate Program  
322 N. Commercial Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Phone: 360.778.6267  
E-mail: [PICProgram@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:PICProgram@co.whatcom.wa.us)

Once application materials have been received you will typically receive a rebate check in the mail within 4-6 weeks.

Follow these steps to receive your rebate \$\$\$



# EVALUATE

YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

[whatcomcounty.us/septicrebate](http://whatcomcounty.us/septicrebate)

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## Septic Rebate Program Online Training Quiz

Please submit this quiz with your rebate application if you took the **online training** OR it has been 3 or more years since your home owner training class

Homeowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What type of septic system do you have?

Conventional gravity

Pressure distribution

Mound

Sand filter

Other

2. How often should your septic system be evaluated?

3. How can you tell if your baffles need to be replaced?

4. How often should your outlet baffle filter be cleaned and what is the proper method for cleaning?

5. Name three septic system components you should inspect during an evaluation.

6. Where should the effluent level be, with respect to the outlet pipe?

7. Your tank will need to be pumped if the solids (sludge and scum combined) make up \_\_\_% or more of the operating volume of the septic tank.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the final point of disposal for all of the sewage produced inside your house. It is the component where the effluent enters the soil for the final treatment and dispersal.

9. What are some signs that your drainfield is failing or malfunctioning?

10. If you observe any of the signs above, what should you do?