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Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Onsite Sewage Systems

What is O&M?

Operation and maintenance is about on-site sewage systems (OSS) functioning properly and being cared for correctly. In order for an OSS to continue to function properly, care must be taken by those responsible for it. Proper monitoring, correct operation and maintenance are the responsibility of the OSS owner. [The Washington Administration Code, Chapter 246-272A-0270](#) details homeowner maintenance responsibilities. <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-272A-0270>

Who can Perform an Evaluation of My OSS?

- OSS evaluations must now be done by a licensed O&M Specialist.
- A report is completed at the time of the evaluation by the O&M Specialist---reports may be submitted by service provider through the onsite.net system
- See list of local persons

When do I need an OSS Evaluation?

- Once every three years for conventional gravity systems (systems consisting of only septic tank and drain field)
- Annually for all other systems unless specified otherwise by the manufacturer.

Who are the O&M Specialists?

Professionals licensed by Chelan-Douglas Health District and who have:

- At least two years continuous experience in the OSS industry
- Completed proper training courses
- Maintained continuing education in the field of O&M

A current list of O&M Service Providers is available from Chelan Douglas Health District. For more information, please call (509) 886-6400.

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