

Coburg Wastewater Project

Maintaining Existing Septic Tanks and Building or Proposing New Tanks (before City System is complete)



Coburg Wastewater Project Phase II and III (treatment facility & collection system) made possible with many Federal and State funding sources

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YOUR TANK IS YOURS UNTIL IT IS THE CITY'S

Existing, proposed, and new septic tanks are still under the jurisdiction of Lane County. Until the City of Coburg 'hooks-up' your septic tank to the City wastewater system (target completion January 2014), it continues to be the property owner's responsibility to

maintain it under Lane County authority. Call **Lane County Subsanitation** at **541-682-3754** or go to

www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/LMD/Sanitation/Pages/default.aspx

for information about your existing septic tank or to propose a new tank. Lane County has information about: Fees; Oregon Administrative Rules (ORS); Permits; Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and their online services. Note additional Lane County contact information (left).

WHAT ABOUT MAINTENANCE?

A septic tank drainfield system requires regular maintenance to function properly. You can make this maintenance easier by keeping a diagram showing the location of your house, septic tank manholes, piping and soil





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absorption system. Periodic pumping of the septic tank is necessary. Driving vehicles over the tank or drain field area may cause damage and should be avoided. A detailed pamphlet concerning care and maintenance of septic systems is available from the Lane County Subsurface Sanitation Program.

FOR NEW AND PROPOSED TANKS:

AFTER MY SITE EVALUATION APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY LANE COUNTY, WHAT DO I DO?

Before you are ready to begin construction, apply to the Lane County Subsurface Sanitation Program for a septic permit. At the same time, you may make an application to the City of Coburg for your building permit. The City of Coburg is obligated to make sure that a septic approval from Lane County is approved before final approval of a building permit is issued or an Occupancy Permit is completed (residential). You should also apply at this time for the applicable state electrical permits.



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HOW SHOULD MY SEPTIC SYSTEM BE CONSTRUCTED?

Your Lane County permit will include specific instructions on the installation of your septic system. You will also receive a detailed site diagram showing the appropriate location for your system. It is generally advisable to have the work completed by a licensed installer; however, you may do the work yourself. A list of licensed installers doing business in Lane County is available from the Subsurface Sanitation Program.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW, CITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM?

For construction related questions, call Robert Sutton, Project Representative at 541-852-8002 or email robertsutton@kennedyjenks.com.

General questions may be directed to Petra Schuetz, City Administrator at 541-682-7871 or email petra.schuetz@ci.coburg.or.us.

