



## REPLACING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

We understand that the trouble and expense of replacing a septic system is something no homeowner wants to face. However, it's critical that your septic system function properly to protect you and your neighbors from getting sick. The following information and resources will help you through your repair or replacement process. Feel free to call us - we're happy to offer technical assistance to help you get your system repaired.

### GETTING STARTED

The first step in repairing or replacing your septic system is to hire a state-licensed septic system designer or civil/sanitary engineer. To find contractors, click on Certified Contractors under WELLS & SEPTIC at the bottom of our website, [http://www.kitsappublichealth.org/environment/certified\\_contractors.php](http://www.kitsappublichealth.org/environment/certified_contractors.php), or check the septic system section in the Yellow Pages.

Your state licensed septic system designer will oversee the repair of your system. He/she is responsible for completing the following on your



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behalf: Design the type of septic system that best meets your needs, site conditions, and regulations; Submit a repair plan to the Health District; Oversee the installation of your system. The Health District then conducts an inspection to make sure the system was installed properly.

## PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH DURING THE REPAIR PROCESS

It's important to stop sewage from surfacing and creating a public health risk during the repair process. Preventative measures may include pumping the tank more frequently, doing laundry offsite, and repair or replacement of leaky fixtures.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Below are organizations that may loan money for your project. Your bank or other financial institutions may also offer home equity loans or lines of credit for system repair or replacement.

CRAFT 3 Septic Loan Program  
Low interest loans  
Phone: (877) 480-5765  
[cleanwater@craft3.org](mailto:cleanwater@craft3.org)

United States Department of Agriculture  
Financial assistance for qualified applicants.  
Phone: (360) 452-8994 ext. 4

Indian Health Services  
Financial assistance to tribal members  
Phone: (360) 792-1235 ext. 116

