



Septic Tank Abandonment

Chapter 246-272A of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), On-Site Sewage Systems, contains regulatory requirements for septic tank abandonment.

The Snohomish County Health Department does not have additional regulations, recording, notice, certification, or any other requirements beyond those required by WAC. The specific chapter is quoted below:

WAC 246-272A-0300

Abandonment.

Persons permanently abandoning a septic tank, seepage pit, cesspool, or other sewage container shall:

(1) Have the septage removed by an approved pumper; and

(2) Perform one of the following:

(a) Remove and dispose of sewage tanks and other components in a manner approved by the local health officer; or

(b) Leave the sewage tanks and components in place. Remove or destroy the lid if possible and fill the void with soil or gravel; and

(3) Grade the site to the surroundings.

[Statutory Authority:

RCW [43.20.050](#)(3), [43.20.065](#), chapters [70A.105](#) and [70A.110](#) RCW. WSR 24-06-046, § 246-272A-0300, filed 3/1/24, effective 4/1/25. Statutory Authority: RCW [43.20.050](#). WSR 05-15-119, § 246-272A-0300, filed 7/18/05, effective 7/1/07.]