

Food, Pool And Lodging Regulation:

Oregon Health Authority Licensing and Inspection Program

The Food, Pool and Lodging program protects the health and safety of the public by establishing operational and regulatory standards for the food service, pools and spas, and tourist accommodation industries.

We also provide consultations and inspections at schools and daycare facilities. As well, we provide information to the general public on environmental health and sanitation issues.

Additionally, we conduct illness outbreak investigations connected with these facilities.

Contact our office if:

- You want to open a new facility,
- You are acquiring an existing facility,
- You are expanding your operations to include a licensable activity,
- You are planning a special event where food will be served, or
- You are ill and suspect food poisoning.



Food Safety inspectors evaluate several issues in a facility. Generally, these include: (1) Adequate temperature control, (2) Proper cooking of raw meats, (3) Ensuring no cross-contamination, (4) Ensuring food handles practice good personal hygiene, and (5) ensuring that food comes from an approved source.

Hood River County Health Department: Environmental Health Office

For the health, well being and welfare of our community, our environmental health program serves to prevent illness, injury and even death. We improve the overall quality of life in our community by preventing disease and environmental threats. Areas of oversight include:

- Drinking Water Protection
- Licensing & Regulation of Food, Lodging, Pool and Spa Facilities
- Oversight of Waste Water Disposal, Solid Waste, and Recycling
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
- Communicable Disease Investigations

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Hood River County Health Department



Environmental Health Office

*Protecting visitors and citizens of Hood River County
from preventable diseases and health hazards.*

*We are responsible for:
Waste Water Regulation
Drinking Water Regulation
Food Safety and
Public Facility Evaluations*

Waste-Water Regulation:

Where no sewer systems are available, Hood River County residence must install an on-site waste water disposal system on their property. This usually includes a septic tank and a drain field. Hood River County Health Department, Environmental Health Office oversees the design, placement, and construction of these facilities.

Contact our office if:

- You need to find your tank/system,
- You are planning new construction, or
- You need to repair an existing system.

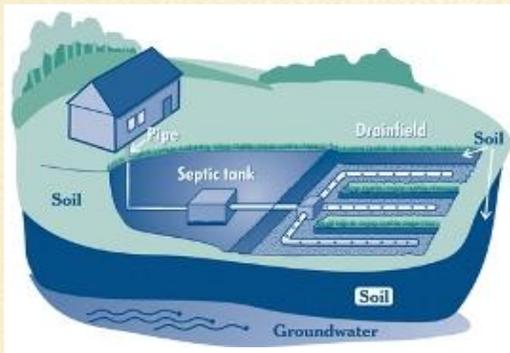


Diagram of a standard on-site wastewater system.

Drinking Water Systems - Regulation

Hood River County citizens enjoy safe clean and reliable drinking water. It is easy to forget how precious a resource this is. According to UNICEF/WHO, worldwide 884 million people lack access to safe water supplies (approximately one in eight people); more than 3.5 million people die each year from water-related disease.

Good oversight of public drinking water systems is essential to maintaining our way of life and protecting the public's health.



Safe drinking water requires the coordinated effort of many people. Don't take it for granted.



Community outreach is an essential component of Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

Hood River County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program:

Hood River County is located in an area prone to natural disasters. As well, there are several transportation corridors passing through and over our communities. Hood River County Health Department prepares for public health emergencies. For example: with adequate supplies (and a few volunteers) we are capable of providing vaccines to the entire population of our county within 48 hours.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cooperative Agreement and the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP).

Over 30% of Oregonians dispose of wastewater from their homes and businesses through the use of septic systems. Without this oversight, septic systems can fail or malfunction, pollute Oregon's land and waterways with raw sewage and create public health hazards.

- Oregon DEQ

Public water systems are required to test their water regularly for contaminants. This may include bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, etc.

Find your water system online at:

<http://170.104.63.9/>

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