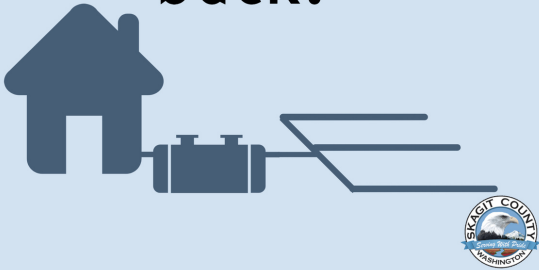


SKAGIT COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION REBATES!

Septic inspection rebates are back!



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Septic system inspection rebates are back! For a limited time only, the county will help cover the cost of your septic inspection! You get the inspection, fill out the form on the website, and the county will give you a \$100 rebate. You can get an additional \$100 if you install risers on your system or get it pumped, for a limit of \$200 rebate per household. Get details at skagitcounty.net/septic. Can't afford an inspection in the first place? Skagit County has a program for that too. Qualifying residents can get a septic inspection for free, and the county will take care of paying the inspector. Eligibility depends on your household income. For more details, contact Skagit County Public Health at 360-416-1500 or eh@co.skagit.wa.us for more information on the low income inspection program.

WHAT'S THE DEAL ON SO-CALLED "FLUSHABLE WIPES"?

Whether or not you have a septic system, one of the best ways to protect your pipes is to never, ever flush wipes. Even if they're labeled as "flushable." What's the deal?

The majority of wipes have plastic in them, including diaper wipes, household cleaning wipes, & cosmetic wipes. The plastic gives wipes more structure than toilet paper so they don't fall apart in your hands. But they also don't break down & flow through pipes like toilet paper does. Instead, they can clog up your home's pipes, or your septic system. They can also clog up city sewer systems. Either way, it costs a lot of money to fix!

Wipes also contribute to the microplastic pollution problem in our waterways & oceans. Septic systems and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove microplastics from sewage, so they get released into our marine environment, where they get into the tissues of fish & other marine creatures. These bits of plastic may even end up on our dinner plates. Yikes!

Why are they labeled flushable when they're not? There are voluntary standards for labeling these products, but manufacturers don't have to follow them. That, combined with the popularity of easily disposable products, creates a problem where consumers don't get proper & honest labeling.

If you use wipes, make sure to always throw them in the trash.

If you flush wipes...

THAT WON'T BE THE ONLY THING THAT COMES BACK

