



**WAC246-272A-0270 - Operation, Monitoring, and Maintenance - Owner Responsibilities**

According to local and state regulations, all septic systems require regular maintenance. Due to the number of different systems available and complexity of each system, the frequency and type of maintenance depends on your system type.

If you are unsure which type of septic system you have, you can look up your records on the Mason County webpage: <https://masoncountywa.gov/index.php>

Once you know your system type, you can use the table below to find your inspection/maintenance frequency and who can perform the inspection/maintenance. Mason County maintains current lists of all Pumpers and Operations and Maintenance Specialists on their webpage: <https://masoncountywa.gov/health/environmental/onsite/index.php>

**Onsite Sewage Maintenance Schedule and Approved Service Providers**

<b>Septic System Type</b>				
Conventional Gravity	Conventional Pressure & Open Bottom Sandfilter	Mound & Sandfilter	ATU, Glendon, Recirculating Gravel Filter, Sub-Surf. Drip & Community Drainfield	Non-Residential & Commercial
<b>Inspection Frequency</b>				
Every 3 years	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually, Testing may be required.
<b>Approved Service Providers</b>				
Homeowner, Pumper, O/M Specialist	Homeowner, Pumper, O/M Specialist	Homeowner, O/M Specialist	O/M Specialist, Proprietary Device Licensee	O/M Specialist

**Other Maintenance Information:**

- With certain system types, homeowners may perform their own inspections. Mason County can provide a homeowners inspection checklist that should be completed and then submitted to the Mason County Public Health, for submittal into the tracking database. Mason County always suggests having a certified provider inspect all septic systems.
- [www.onlinerme.com/contractorsearchproperty.aspx](http://www.onlinerme.com/contractorsearchproperty.aspx) provides public access to system information including past inspection and pumping reports.
- Mason County Certified Pumpers are licensed to pump out and inspect septic tanks only. Certified Operations and Maintenance Specialists are licensed to inspect all system components, including drainfields.