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Stakeholder Meeting Dates

- February 25, 2022 at 3:30 PM
- May 13, 2022 at 3:30 PM
- August 12, 2022 at 3:30 PM
- November 18, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting using this link: <https://pueblohealth-org.zoom.us/j/88988644162?pwd=SjBYnZESzFzdDIzSEdVSDZ3Qy81UT09>

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On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Quarterly Newsletter



Changes to the OWTS Program in 2022

The OWTS Team will be implementing new procedures for 2022. Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) and the OWTS Team strive to provide homeowners, builders, OWTS professionals, and other members of the community excellent public service. The following changes will help ensure we can provide the best service possible while maintaining compliance with state and local regulations.

1. Inspection requests must be made prior to noon, the day inspection is needed.
2. The OWTS team is updating the website to include more educational materials, OWTS professional resources, and current lists of local OWTS professionals.
3. Designing engineers must submit a letter to certify construction of the OWTS as per the approved design plan, if the OWTS was engineer designed.
4. All installation permits approved after January 2022 will require Certificate of Occupancy approval from PDPHE.
5. OWTS Stakeholder meetings will be hosted quarterly. The scheduled dates can be found above, along with a link to the zoom meeting. During the stakeholder meetings, the OWTS team will be covering and discussing the topics in the OWTS Quarterly Newsletter.

OWTS Inspection Tips

During OWTS installation inspections, the OWTS team inspects installations to ensure the installation is in compliance with local and state OWTS Regulations. Below are some commonly documented issues or difficulties that the Team encounters during the inspections.

Bedding of pipes

- ⇒ All pipes must be properly bedded at time of inspection.
- ⇒ This includes the area excavated for tank installation.

Inspection ports

- ⇒ Inspection ports must be installed at the beginning and end of each lateral or in the four corners of the bed.
- ⇒ Inspection ports must extend to the infiltrative surface depth (bottom of chambers or bottom of rock in rock and pipe systems).

Header

- ⇒ Effluent line from tank must tie into the center of the header.

Depth restrictions

- ⇒ Obtain approval from PDPHE to increase depth restrictions prior to digging.

Inspection of lateral orifice size and spacing

- ⇒ Inspectors need to verify orifice size and spacing for pressurized systems, leave final two chambers off of laterals for inspection.

Reminders

- ◆ OWTS installers must have an approved permit prior to work beginning on the project.
- ◆ Any changes to the OWTS size or location after approval of the installation permit must be approved by PDPHE and the design engineer (if it is an engineer designed system).

Coming Soon

- ◆ Online application and payment portal.
- ◆ Standardization of Transfer of Title inspection procedures.