

WORKING TOWARDS SAFE & RESPONSIBLE ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT
ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION SERIES

WHAT ARE THE
RESPONSIBILITIES
OF OPERATING AN
ON-SITE SEWAGE
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ON-SITE SEWAGE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OWNERS

This factsheet outlines the many responsibilities that come with living on a property with an OSMS.

The many responsibilities that come with being an owner and/or operator of an OSMS include:

- ▶ Ensuring you have a current Approval to Operate for your system. If you are unsure if your Approval to Operate is current, please contact your local council.
- ▶ Ensuring your system is operating within manufacturer recommendations and any conditions associated with the Approval to Operate for the system.
- ▶ Having an understanding of the operating requirements of your system and being aware that you may need to alter your household activities to ensure your system operates sufficiently.
- ▶ Using an authorised person to carry out any work on your system. This includes servicing, maintaining, repairing and pumping out of your system.
- ▶ Ensuring you have appropriate approval to carry out any work on your system e.g. an Application to Install, Construct or Alter a Sewage Management System is submitted your local council prior to a new system being installed or an absorption trench being replaced. This application can be obtained by contacting your local council.
- ▶ Ensuring your OSMS does not pollute the environment and/or cause a risk to the public health of the community.
- ▶ Ensuring you do not illegally dispose of your wastewater or effluent e.g. pumping your system out into a nearby water course, drainage or supply channel or other water body.
- ▶ Maintaining a current Service Agreement with an accredited service agent (AWTS only).



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL

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