



## Bylaw 3479 - Septic Assessment Program

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is offering a cost-share for septic system owners who are regulated under Bylaw 3479 to have a Maintenance Assessment (inspection) of their septic system by a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP).

Under the bylaw, septic system owners are required to pump out their septic tank every five years, though many systems require more frequent pumping (every 2-5 years). Regular pump outs are an important step, however, septic system maintenance involves more than just pumping out the tank. Each component of the system from the tank to the field should be examined periodically to determine that it is structurally sound and functioning correctly. The components can then be cleaned as required and any necessary repairs carried out. The goal of a Maintenance Assessment is to determine condition, location and operation of all septic system components. Then, a customized maintenance and monitoring program can be recommended that determines the degree and type of maintenance required and the frequency of visits that best suit the system and your usage. Proceeding with any recommendations is voluntary.

**Incentive: The CRD will share the cost of your Maintenance Assessment by paying for 75%, to a maximum of \$500. If maintenance and repairs are recommended and completed, the CRD will pay for 100% of the cost of the Maintenance Assessment up to a maximum of \$700 (the cost of repairs or improvements is not included).**

A Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) certified by the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC will perform the Maintenance Assessment and will assess all the components of your system. Recommendations will be made for improvements and repairs, as well as ongoing maintenance, that will extend the life of your system. A recommendation for pumping frequency will be made based on the accumulations in your tank, the current conditions in your home, and you will be provided with a detailed written report.

Follow these three easy steps to proceed:

**Step 1:** Email [septic@crd.bc.ca](mailto:septic@crd.bc.ca) for registration documents

**Step 2:** Contact a ROWP (list will be provided) to schedule your assessment

**Step 3:** Review report and receive a CRD credit on your invoice.