



August 29, 2016

E-mail notice from the Ministry of Health, Health Protection Branch

Subject: Provincial Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice

Dear Onsite Sewage Stakeholder,

Please be advised that the Provincial Manual of Composting Toilet and Greywater Practice (final) is now posted on the Ministry of Health website. The manual provides a comprehensive set of provisions which support the design, installation, and maintenance of composting toilet-based sewerage systems, and aligns with the Sewerage System Regulation and Sewerage System version 3 Standard Practice Manual (SPM).

The manual, along with a description of its use, is located directly below the version 3 SPM at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/sewage/onsite-sewage-systems/sewage-system-standard-practice-manual>

Cheers,

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Decommissioning Out-of-Service Septic Tanks

The association gets frequent calls from community representatives and homeowners asking about decommissioning septic tanks so we have developed this best practice protocol.

Septic tanks and holding tanks contain toxic gases and pathogens and must be decommissioned properly in order to avoid contaminating the environment or causing a safety issue to the unsuspecting.

The recommended practice for decommissioning a septic or holding tank is as follows:

1. All solids and liquids must be removed by a registered hauler and disposed of at a licensed sewage treatment plant, lagoon or receiving facility.
2. Any electrical devices or components must be removed and disposed of. Devices containing mercury, such as pump floats, must be disposed of at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.
3. Once solids and liquids have been removed the empty tank should be filled with clean sand, gravel or other acceptable material and sealed.
4. The area should be graded and vegetative cover (grass) must be established.

The best practice would be to fill the empty tank rather than crush it as crushing a tank will introduce contaminants into the surrounding soil.

Septic tanks, whether in use or out-of-use pose a significant safety hazard to animals and small children. Lids must be secured to ensure unauthorized access is denied.

New Affinity Member

CARO Analytical Services

CARO Analytical Services (CARO) is a Canadian based, full service analytical laboratory that provides testing services to public and private clients throughout North America.

In operation for over 29 years, CARO specializes in providing general chemical analysis, microbiological analysis, food residue analysis, and contaminated site testing of soil vapour, drinking water, wastewater, water, vegetation, tissue, soil and sediments. CARO is accredited to ISO17025 by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA). CARO's client base ranges from health authorities, public utilities, government ministries, consultants, industry, businesses to private individuals. Our highly trained staff of chemists, microbiologists, technologists and customer service professionals have the expertise and experience to handle not only routine tests, but also specialized analyses to suit all client needs.

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Infiltrator Water Technologies, LLC, a leader in the onsite water and wastewater industry, is looking for an experienced sales representative to manage the Alberta, BC territory. The potential candidate will be responsible for identifying, developing and maintaining sales opportunities through new and established customers, as well as educating industry professionals on products and regulatory requirements. Participation in industry related organizations and government agencies is also encouraged.

Infiltrator is a full onsite water and wastewater solution provider that manufactures and sells multiple product lines. Our innovative technologies are based on fundamental principles of physics, engineering, soil science and microbiology and offer performance advantages that have furthered the industry's goal of protecting public health, improving water quality and preserving natural resources.

For more information, check our website at www.infiltratorwater.com or email nburns@infiltratorwater.com.

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The next available training session dates are:

Days 1 – 3 – October 5, 6 & 7, 2016 – Abbotsford, BC

Days 4 – 7 – October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2016 – Abbotsford, BC

Registration for this training program is now open. For more information, please go online to <http://www.wcowma-bc.com/training/> or contact the WCOWMA-BC office at 1.855.872.2645.

Canada Post Labor Dispute

With contract negotiations ongoing, there is a high probability of an upcoming postal disruption, causing a delay in the delivery of mail from WCOWMA-BC. Any documents that we are able to email you, such as exam results and workshop certificates, will be sent digitally. Membership packages will unfortunately be delayed. If you are a new member and need your membership number to sign up with one of our affinity partners, please give us a call in the office and we would be happy to provide it to you.

Updates to the Canada Post labour dispute can be found on [Canada Post's website](#).

Upcoming Industry Events

UBCM

2016 Convention

September 26 – 30, 2016 – Victoria, BC

NAWT/NOWRA

2016 Onsite Wastewater Mega-Conference

October 26-29, 2016

Reno, NV

WWETT Expo Education Day

Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport Show

Indiana Convention Center - Indianapolis, Indiana

Feb. 22 - 25, 2017

2016 BCWWA Annual Conference & Trade Show

May 27 – 30, 2017 – Victoria, BC

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