

Clean Water Needs Survey 2018: Small Community Wastewater

Attention: Utility Planning/Public Works/City Clerks



Please complete the online survey: [Needs Survey](#)

What do we need from you?

Questionnaire: This survey covers needs and associated costs for wastewater infrastructure, such as sewer improvements, wastewater treatment plant work, and stormwater systems. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability, based on information from planning documents (if you have them). You can still fill out the survey if your projects are not in an official plan. Include any projects that you would like to construct within the next 20 years. We understand plans can change, so while we value accurate information, you will not be bound to these plans.

If you have any questions, or need assistance responding please contact Eliza Keeley-Arnold at 360.407.7489 or eliza_keeley-arnold@ecy.wa.gov.

Background:

Every four years the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) work with local governments and tribes to collect data for the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). The EPA has not initiated a survey since 2012. Here in Washington State we have decided to move forward because the survey provides valuable information and will help support our budget request to the state Legislature for Centennial Clean Water Program grant funding. This survey includes information about the needs and associated costs for infrastructure, such as sewer improvements, wastewater treatment plant work, and stormwater systems. This infrastructure is necessary for Washington to meet the water quality and public health goals of the Clean Water Act. For the 2018 survey, Ecology will focus on data collection for small community wastewater needs.

Why is the survey important?

This survey is an opportunity to let Congress and the state Legislature know the financial and technical needs for clean water infrastructure in our state. While taking part in this survey is voluntary, it can have a big impact for local governments. **The results of the survey can influence the amount of money Washington receives from the state and federal government to fund clean water projects statewide.** You can learn more about our grant and loan programs here: [Ecology's Water Quality Grants and Loans](#)

How do we gather the information?

Ecology will be working with local governments and tribes to collect information needed for the survey. We gather as much as possible from the data we already have within the agency. We reach out to communities to gather the rest.

Ecology databases: Permit and Reporting Information System (PARIS), and Ecology Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) provide information on existing facilities, permits and grant/loan applications.

Communities: We are using a web-based form for filling out the questionnaire. Existing plans, reports and other documents often have the information needed for the survey. If you are unable to use the web form, please contact Eliza for an alternative form.

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Please complete the survey online:

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