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REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTIC TANK AND CHEMICAL TOILET PUMPER

Shasta County Ordinance Code Sections

Shasta County OWTS Standards, Section 1.G. states that “Pumpers/haulers are required to notify SCEHD with 24 hours of the discovery of a failing OWTS with surfacing sewage”.

Shasta County Ordinance Code, Section 8.41.180 - Septage pumpers and sewage waste haulers.

Pursuant to applicable Sections of the California Health and Safety Code (Sections 117400—117450), it is unlawful for any person to clean septic tanks or chemical toilets or to dispose of the septage cleanings therefrom unless he or she or the business is registered to conduct such business with the director.

Shasta County Ordinance Code, Section 8.41.190 - Fees for registration—Registration revocation.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta shall set a fee for annual inspections and registrations of each septic tank pumper/hauler vehicle and/or business.

Any registration may be revoked by the director for failure to comply with the applicable Health and Safety Code sections, failure to provide a registration application/fee, and/or failure to provide the lists as required in Subsection 8.40.145.

Shasta County Ordinance Code, Section 8.41.160 - Temporary use of holding tanks and portable toilets.

The director may allow the temporary use of a holding tank to assist in abating a nuisance or health hazard caused by a failing or malfunctioning onsite wastewater treatment system. An existing in-place septic tank may serve as a holding tank by capping the outlet of the tank to prevent any discharge from the tank. Holding tanks shall be pumped out by a registered septage pumper/hauler before they fill and overflow. Except for the above use, a holding tank may not be used in place of a permitted, properly functioning onsite wastewater treatment system. An operating permit issued by the director will be required, which will provide for the identification of the tank pumper, maintenance schedule, tank sewage level monitoring, reporting requirements, and applicable fee.

Portable toilets are intended to serve non-residential, limited use activities, such as special events, temporary construction sites, and legal field labor operations where connection to a public sewer or onsite wastewater treatment system is not practicable. It is not the intent of this chapter to regulate portable toilets—a portable toilet is not an alternative to a permitted and properly functioning onsite wastewater treatment system or connection to a public sewer.

Shasta County Ordinance Code, Section 8.41.200 - List of all septic tanks pumped.

At least quarterly, as a condition of registration, each registered septage pumper shall submit to the Director a list, by complete street address, of the location of every septic tank pumped along with any other required information. California Health and Safety Code, Section 117435, requires a list at any time and at any frequency or interval.

Requirements for all sewage and chemical toilet pumping vehicles

1. A copy of the current environmental health **permit** shall be kept in the vehicle at all times of operation.
2. Each permitted vehicle must have the following information printed on both sides of the tank or truck in letters that are clear and legible at least 4 inches high with strokes at least ½ inch wide:
 - The business name and address or phone number
 - Tank volume (tanks which have split waste and fresh water volumes shall indicate both).
3. **Tanks** shall be of metal construction, welded or riveted, shall be watertight and splash-proof with adequately sealed access ports that do not leak, shall have automatic shut-off valves to prevent overflow, and shall be properly baffled to prevent sloshing.
4. **Racks** for carrying hoses and equipment shall be constructed and maintained so as to be easily cleanable with no pockets or crevices which can accumulate waste.
5. Discharge **gates** or **valves** shall be constructed and maintained to prevent leakage or spillage and constructed to discharge contents in a manner which will not cause pollution or create a nuisance. These gate and valve inlets and outlets shall be provided with protective caps to further prevent dripping.
6. **Pumps** shall be constructed and maintained to prevent leakage or spillage.
7. Adequate pumping **hoses** shall be provided in order to properly pump contents from septic tanks, cesspools, or portable toilets without spillage onto the surface of the ground.
8. A water hose, fifty (50) feet in length, shall be carried for cleaning and rinsing purposes.
9. Hand cleaner and/or disinfectant hand soap(s) sufficient for driver hand washing and a minimum of one gallon of potable water.

Cleaning operations must be conducted in a manner that will not endanger human health or the environment. Any spillage of sewage must be cleaned up and sanitized immediately.