

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update

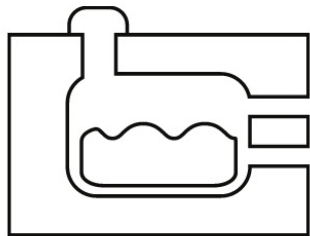


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#1 - Sign Up for an Upcoming Homeowner Septic System Self-Inspection Certification Class

SEPTIC SYSTEM SELF-INSPECTION CERTIFICATION CLASS NOW AVAILABLE COUNTY WIDE



Call to register and see if
your septic system
qualifies

 (360)-867-2626



Thurston County Environmental Health is now offering homeowner septic inspector certification workshops to anyone who qualifies. Upon completion of this workshop, you will know the basics of septic systems and how they operate; what to flush and not to flush down your toilet; how to prolong the life of your septic system; and how to inspect your septic system and submit the inspection report to the county.

Certification Qualifications:

- Have one of the following septic system types:
 - Conventional Gravity
 - Pressure Distribution
 - Mound
 - Glendon® Biofilter, and;
- Access to a computer to view videos and submit inspection report online.

When: The workshop is offered twice a month

Where: In-person training at Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department; 412 Lilly Rd NE, Olympia, WA 98506

Call to see if your septic system qualifies and to register at [360-867-2626](tel:360-867-2626).

Deadline to sign up for a class is the Friday prior to the class you want to attend.

For more details: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/events/homeowner-septic-self-inspection-certification-registration-required>

#2 - Reminder: Property Taxes are due April 30



This is a reminder the deadline for Thurston County residents to pay their 2023 first half property taxes is **April 30, 2023**. Because the 30th falls on a Sunday this year, the law allows the payment to be made the next business day, which is Monday, May 1st without late fees being added.

Taxpayers have four options for paying their property taxes:

- **Online:** Pay online at www.thurstoncountywa.gov/treasurer. There is no additional charge for the electronic check payment option on-line, but there is a 2.35% transaction fee for a major credit card payment and a flat fee of \$3.95 for a VISA debit card payment.
- **Mail:** Mail check or money order payments to the Thurston County Treasurer, 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Payments made by mail must be postmarked by May 1, 2023.
- **Drop Off:** Payments can be dropped in the secure outside drop box located near the flag poles – at our new office location of 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia.
- **In-Person:** Payments can be made in person at the Treasurer's Office, 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If paying by credit card there is a 2.35% transaction fee and a flat fee of \$3.95 for a VISA debit card payment.

As required by Washington State law, late fees will be charged for those who do not make their tax payment on time.

Treasurer staff are available to answer your questions by phone or email during our business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call us at 360-786-5550 or email us at trsr@co.thurston.wa.us.

You can also sign up for Paperless Property Tax Bills to receive future property tax bills electronically, saving paper and postage. For those who create an account, it comes with the option to schedule your tax payment in advance of the due date and email payment reminders will be sent ahead of the due date. To learn more or sign up for this service

#3 - Public Hearing - Open Space Tax Program for Farm and Agricultural Conservation Lands Eligibility Criteria (CPA-16) Updates

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing

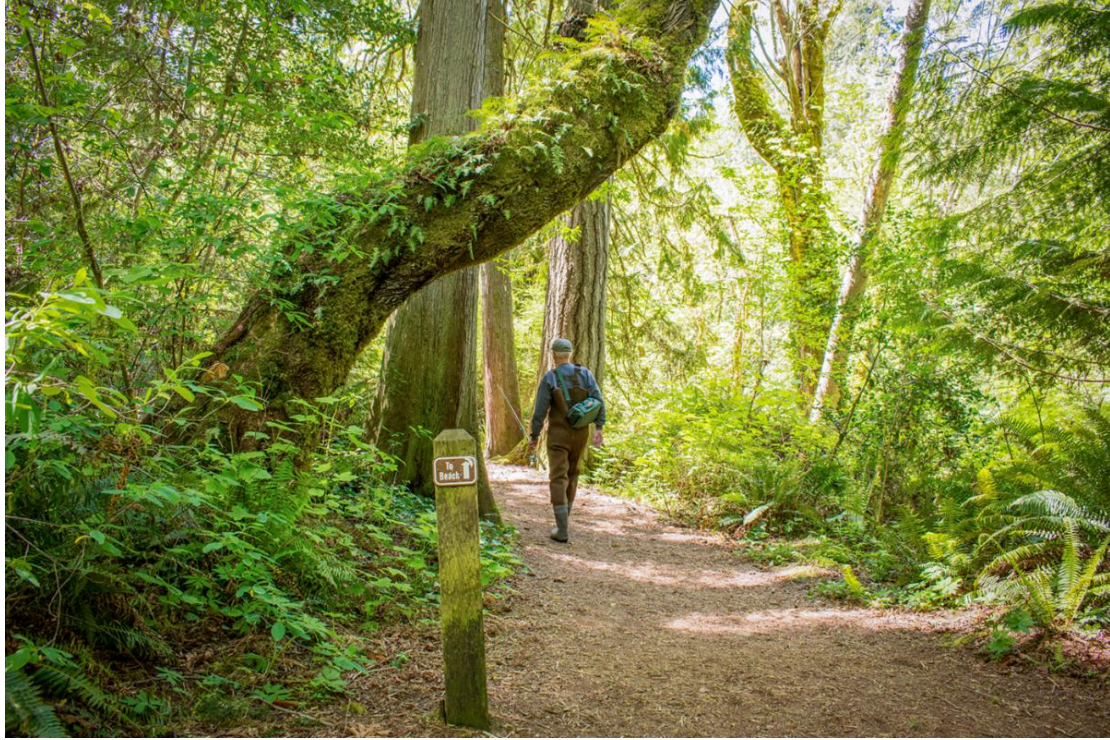


**3:30 p.m. at 3000 Pacific Avenue
Olympia 98501**

The Thurston County Board of Commissioners (BoCC) will hold a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. on May 3 regarding the Open Space Tax Program for Farm and Agricultural Conservation Lands Eligibility Criteria (CPA-16) Updates.

For more information about meetings, public hearings, and work session agendas:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>

#4 - Celebrate Arbor Day by Learning about Thurston County Forests



Happy Arbor Day! Thurston County has a long history as a working forest landscape. The [Thurston County Healthy Forests Project](#) includes four planning efforts working together to build resiliency in our forests. Healthy forests absorb storm water, provide sustainable wood products, cool our streams, and much more. Let's celebrate trees this Arbor Day, recognizing all their amazing abilities! Explore any of [Thurston County Parks & Trails](#) to immerse yourself in nature and discover the diverse tree species calling Thurston County home. Check out the videos below to explore the benefits of forests.

Wood Products <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4koqrsd- I>

Carbon Capture https://youtu.be/D_rRg9MPIOU

Reforestation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tA0sFLG5W5k>

#5 - We're Hiring! Thurston County has 49 Open Positions

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Thurston County has **49 open positions**, including a Court Assistant II in the District Court, Pretrial Services Director in the Commissioners Office, and an IT Technical Manager in Information Technology.

No matter the type of position you're looking for, Thurston County has many potential career opportunities. You can find all current open positions and apply on the county's employment opportunities webpage: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thurstonwa>

Stay current on upcoming public hearings, meetings, and work sessions by bookmarking the [Board of County Commissioners' master calendar](#)! Please call the Board of County Commissioners office at (360) 786-5440 if you're having problems viewing the calendar.

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