

**PLEASE PRINT**

Homeowner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street or PO Box City State Zip

**HOST Study Questions**

Please fill in your answers as you view the HOST DVD Tutorial. Bring the completed questions to Septic 201.

**PART 1: Introduction**

1. A poorly functioning septic system can affect:
  - a. Human health
  - b. Puget Sound
  - c. Drinking water
  - d. All of the above

**PART 2: How It Works**

2. Name 3 components in a typical septic system:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Name 2 layers of waste in a septic tank:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 3: What Is An "As-Built"?**

4. Prior to inspecting your system, what information do you need to obtain your as-built?

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Which Island County department maintains as-built records? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What information may be found on your as-built?
  - a. Size of your tanks
  - b. Number of tanks
  - c. How deep your system is
  - d. Location of pipes and drain field
  - e. All of the above

**PART 4: Equipment Needed**

6. What do you need to properly perform your inspection?
  - a. Water meter readings
  - b. As-built
  - c. Outlet screen
  - d. All of the above

**PART 5: Inspecting Your Septic Tank**

- 7. When inspecting the plumbing line from the house to the septic tank, look for:
  - a. Green grass
  - b. Soggy or oddly settled ground
  - c. A riser
  - d. A screen
- 8. When conducting your inspection, you should not:
  - a. Wash your hands
  - b. Wear eye protection
  - c. Enter a confined space
  - d. Need to lift anything heavy
- 9. The water level in your septic tank should vary. True or False
- 10. Baffles stop solids from leaving your septic tank. True or False
- 11. When the total amount of solids, both floating and settled, reach \_\_\_\_\_ of the total volume of the tank, it is time to pump your tank.

**PART 6: Inspecting A Pump Tank**

- 12. What should you look for when inspecting the pump tank?
  - a. Make sure wiring is secure
  - b. Make sure floats are securely attached and separated from each other
  - c. Make sure water level fluctuates, but is never above the alarm float
  - d. All of the above

**PART 7: Inspecting Your Drain Field**

- 13. The ground above your drainfield should be spongy and damp. True or False
- 14. An indication that your drainfield may be failing is \_\_\_\_\_ in the monitoring ports.

**PART 8: Flushing & Balancing A Drain Field**

- 15. When testing the lines during a pressure test, make sure the water level is \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART 9: Decontamination**

- 16. What are 2 items you should use in your “decontamination station”?

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**PART 10: Tips To Keep Your Septic System Working**

- 17. What can you do to help your septic system?
  - a. Use lots of water to flush your system
  - b. Use the dishwasher often
  - c. Use harsh chemicals
  - d. Reduce water use
  - e. All of the above
- 18. Using a garbage disposal has no effect on you system. True or False