All Alternative Treatment Technology (ATT) onsite wastewater treatment systems and all sand filter or pressure distribution onsite systems permitted on or after January 1, 2014, are required to be maintained by a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) licensed and certified maintenance provider.

**Maintenance Provider’s Responsibilities**

Maintenance providers are required to submit an annual maintenance report to Deschutes County and pay the annual report evaluation fee on behalf of their customers.

Deschutes County mails letters to property owners each spring confirming maintenance provider report and fee compliance for the previous calendar year.

- **Operate and record conditions in the drainfield during all operation and maintenance activities for the system and report those observations to the system owner;**
- **Make necessary repairs or alterations that comply with Oregon Administrative Rules;**
- **Make emergency service available within 48 hours of a service request;**
- **Notify Deschutes County within 30 days of service agreement termination or expiration if the agreement is terminated or not renewed;**
- **Be certified by the ATT manufacturer to provide service on their product (ATT systems only).**

**DEQ Certified Maintenance Providers Serving Deschutes County**

- **Central Oregon Sanitation Services, Inc.**
  Mark Coelho, (541) 536-2517
  P.O. Box 2879, La Pine, Oregon, 97739

- **Main Beam Septic Specialist**
  Randy, (541) 419-2537; Karen, (541) 419-6650
  52427 River Pine Rd, La Pine, Oregon, 97739

- **The Tank Doctor**
  (541-318-6252)
  19850 2nd St, Bend, Oregon, 97702

- **Terry Fidler Excavation, LLC**
  Terry Fidler, (541) 382-5370
  P.O. Box 888, Redmond, Oregon, 97756

**Community Development Department**

117 NW Lafayette Street
Bend, Oregon 97703
www.deschutes.org/cd
(541) 388-6575

To request this information in an alternate format, please call 541-388-6575 or send an email to accessibility@deschutes.org.
Property Owner's Responsibilities

The owner of an ATT, sand filter, or pressure distribution system is responsible for paying for and maintaining a service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider for the entire life of the system.

Initial service agreement: A minimum (2) year service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider is required with all ATT, sand filter, and pressure distribution construction permit applications.

Subsequent service agreements: After the initial service agreement, the property owner must hold a valid, current service agreement with a DEQ licensed and certified maintenance provider for the remaining life of the onsite system. These contracts can be ongoing or termed contracts.

Transfer of ownership: If property ownership changes hands, the new owner must sign a transfer of contract agreement with the maintenance provider or obtain a new service agreement.

Owners of these systems are also responsible for allowing timely maintenance, properly operating the system, and ensuring the system does not cause a public health hazard or polluting public waters. This includes:

- Allowing maintenance providers safe access to the property;
- Following maintenance provider recommendations for proper usage;
- Permitting maintenance providers to make necessary repairs to the system and its components.

Oregon Administrative Rules

There are several Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) regarding onsite wastewater treatment system operation and maintenance. The information provided in this handout references and is applicable to the following rules:

- OAR 340-071-0130(13) Operation and maintenance
- OAR 340-071-0130(17) Annual permit fees and reports
- OAR 340-071-0130(23) Service Contracts
- OAR 340-071-0130(24) Maintenance providers under contract
- OAR 340-071-0275(6) Pressure distribution service contracts
- OAR 340-071-0290(7) Sand filter operation and maintenance
- OAR 340-071-0345(12) ATT operation and maintenance standards
- OAR 340-071-0345(14) ATT service contracts

The complete Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 340, is available online from the DEQ: https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Residential/Pages/Onsite-Rules.aspx