

Septic Conversion Incentive Program

What is this program about?

- LOTT is offering a rebate of 50% of the LOTT connection fee to property owners converting from an existing on-site septic system to the LOTT wastewater system.
- Property owners converting from septic to sewer who meet the criteria for hardship status (Lifeline or other) may qualify for an additional rebate of 25% of the LOTT connection fee.

How does the program work?

- Complete the application form on the reverse of this flyer and submit it to the city – Lacey, Olympia, or Tumwater – that will be providing utility services to the property that is being converted from septic to sewer.
- City and LOTT staff will review the application, determine rebate eligibility, and send you notification of the rebate amount.
- At the time of payment to the city for charges related to connection to the sewer system, you will receive the rebate as an “instant” rebate off the cost of the LOTT connection fee. You will be responsible for payment of the remaining portion of the LOTT connection fee not covered by the pre-approved rebate, along with other applicable city permit and connection fees.
- This program is in effect from 2019-2024, and subject to available funds.

Why is LOTT offering this incentive program?

These rebates are being provided as an incentive to encourage property owners within LOTT’s service area to abandon on-site septic systems and connect to the public sewer system. This benefits LOTT and the community by:

- Helping protect water quality of local groundwater, lakes, streams, and inlets.
- Protecting LOTT’s continued ability to discharge to receiving waters.
- Spreading the cost of operating the public sewer system over more ratepayers, helping lower costs for all.
- Gathering data that can help guide future efforts to encourage septic to sewer conversion.

Who should I contact for more information?

Contact the city that will be providing utility services for the property site that is being converted from septic to sewer.



Lacey Public Works
(360) 491-5600



Olympia Public Works
(360) 753-8562



Tumwater Public Works
(360) 754-4140



Application for Rebate

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Property Owner Name: _____
Property Address (of sewer connection): _____
Parcel Number (if known) _____
Contact Person (if different from owner): _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____
City to Provide Sewer Service: ☐ Lacey ☐ Olympia ☐ Tumwater
Type of Property: ☐ Single-Family ☐ Duplex ☐ Multi-Family ☐ Commercial
Number of Units: _____

Do you believe you may qualify for hardship status as defined by your city utility provider? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Terms and Conditions

1. This program is subject to available funds. The LOTT Clean Water Alliance and its partner cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater reserve the right to deny any application that does not meet all requirements outlined herein in their sole discretion and to discontinue the program at any time.
2. To be eligible:
 - a. The property listed above must be converting from an existing septic system to the LOTT wastewater system with sewer service to be provided through one of the cities of Lacey, Olympia, or Tumwater.
 - b. Septic abandonment and sewer connection must follow all applicable rules and regulations as outlined by the local Board of Health, Thurston County, and the city providing sewer service.
3. Application for rebate must be received prior to connection to the public sewer system and prior to payment of charges related to connection to the sewer system.
4. Determination of hardship status is made at the sole discretion of the city – Lacey, Olympia, or Tumwater – providing sewer service to the property.
5. Rebates are granted as “instant” rebates, which apply only at the time of payment to the city for charges related to connection to the sewer system. The LOTT septic conversion incentive rebate has no cash value. Payment of the LOTT Capacity Development Charge (connection fee) is made by the property owner to the city providing sewer service, along with other applicable permit and connection fees prior to connection of service. At the time of payment, the property owner will be responsible for the amount of the LOTT Capacity Development Charge (CDC) not covered by the pre-approved rebate.
6. The rebate must be redeemed and the remaining portion of the LOTT CDC paid within 3 months of rebate approval. If payment is not made within 3 months, the rebate approval will be rescinded and the property owner will need to reapply, with no guarantee of approval, available funding, or program continuation. In cases where the city revokes the permit for connection due to an unacceptable delay in the property owner’s efforts to connect to the sewer system, the LOTT rebate approval will be rescinded and the property owner will need to reapply, with no guarantee of approval, available funding, or program continuation.

Release and Waiver

I, _____, certify that I am the owner/legal representative of the property at the above-listed site and that all information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions as stated above. It is understood and agreed that I shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless LOTT and its partner cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, their agents, officers, employees, and directors from all claims, suits, and actions of every name, kind, and description brought for or on account of injuries to or death of any person, damage to property, or any other damage, penalty, or fine of any kind, resulting from, in connection with, or arising out of, or related to my participation in this program.

Authorized Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____