

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health and preserving Washington's precious groundwater, lakes, streams and the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, nearly one million septic systems treat wastewater from homes and businesses, serving more than a third of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, Washington's on-site wastewater professionals have expertise in the design, installation, maintenance and regulation of septic systems in our state and help homeowners avoid costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart program and Washington state health agencies educate homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and encourage routine homeowner maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the people and environment of the state of Washington benefit from properly designed, installed, operated and maintained septic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 14-18, 2026, as

SepticSmart Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 4th day of September, 2026

Bob Ferguson
Governor Bob Ferguson