

How are the Septic Systems in your neighborhood?

We've learned a lot about the on site sewage systems in the Samish Watershed since we began the Marine Recovery Area Project in 2008. Table 1 shows the results of the operations and maintenance inspections since 2006.

Table 1 - OSS Inspection Summary 2006 - 2010

	Samish Island	Lower Samish	Upper Samish	Colony Creek	Thomas Creek
Inspections – Acceptable	384	328	416	204	107
Inspection - Corrections Needed	26	22	20	23	1
Inspection - Failure	4	5	9	1	1

We've learned as much about what is NOT out there as we have about the septic systems in the Watershed. We continue to refine or 'scrub' the data for an accurate picture of the status of septic systems in the Samish Watershed.

Table 2 - The Rest of the Story since 2006

	Samish Island	Lower Samish	Upper Samish	Colony Creek	Thomas Creek
Abandoned Home	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural	0	1	1	3	0
Sewer	0	4	21	0	0
No OSS	6	0	26	16	3
Community System (LOSS)	1	25	0	-	0
Outhouse, Composting or Portable Toilet	4	-	2	-	0
Unoccupied	10	-	0	-	-
Hardship	3	-	0	-	0

You might also check the Clean Samish Initiative web site for the most recent updates on the 'red, green, yellow' on site sewage system status maps.