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### County to open discussions about waterless toilet regulations

The County of Humboldt is seeking input from the community on waterless toilet regulations. Waterless toilets are also known as composting toilets or, as defined in the Humboldt County General Plan, alternative systems.

The majority of the current Humboldt County Code governing the use of waterless toilets was adopted in 1984 and community members have asked that the code be updated.

The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) is encouraging interested community members to read the current code and submit comments, questions, research references and other information helpful to a broad review, as well as information about public health implications of the use of these types of toilets.

Those with experience using, building or studying waterless toilets are encouraged to join the dialogue. Please submit comments and preferred contact information to ENVHEALTH@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please place "Waterless Toilet" in the subject line.

Humboldt County codes that apply to compost and incinerating toilets can be found at <http://www.humboldt.gov.org/DocumentCenter/View/1261>, Title VI Division 1 Chapter 5: Experimental System Disposal Program. Portions of the code relative to pit privies can be found in Chapter 3: Prohibitions.

DEH staff has tentatively scheduled community meetings in September in the northern and southern parts of the county. More information will be issued once dates have been finalized.

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