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Meeting to discuss waterless toilet regulations scheduled in Southern Humboldt

The County of Humboldt is seeking input from the community on improvements to current waterless toilet regulations. A discussion forum has been scheduled for Friday, Sept. 30, at the Healy Senior Resource Center in Redway.

The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health (DEH) staff will be present to answer questions about existing regulations. Staff is also interested in hearing from those with experience or interest in using, building or studying the use of waterless toilets which include composting toilets, incinerating toilets and pit privies.

The goal of the public forum is to assess the current regulations, their effectiveness, and evaluate the need for improvements to current code and regulations to suit current waterless toilet technologies in the best interest of public health.

DEH staff is encouraging community members to read the existing codes relative to these types of toilets and to attend the discussion forum. Codes that apply to composting and incinerating toilets are found in Chapter 5, and those that apply to pit privies are found in Chapter 3 at this link: www.humboldtgov.org/DocumentCenter/View/1261.

Comments and literature references may be submitted anytime by sending an email to ENVHEALTH@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please place “Waterless Toilet” in the subject line.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The Healy Senior Center is located at 465 Briceland Road in Redway.

A discussion forum will be held later this fall in the northern area of the county.
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