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MCHD assists with workshops on how to prolong life of septic systems

MOBILE, Alabama — The Onsite Sewage Division of the Mobile County Health Department is participating in a series of free workshops to help the public learn how to prolong the life of their septic system. The event is sponsored by the Mobile County Conservation District and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.

The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. This will take place at Union Baptist Church, which is located at 5251 Grand Bay-Wilmer Road in Grand Bay.

This meeting will be focused on homeowners in Sector 2 who reside south of Airport Boulevard, west of McDonald Road and across to Grand Bay. To confirm if a residency is in Sector 2, contact Tracey Hall with the Mobile County Conservation District by phone at 251-441-6505 (ext. 3) or by email at thall@mobile-county.net.

These workshops will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities of conventional septic systems. The topics to be covered will include health and safety considerations, an overview of how to inspect and maintain the system, and instruction on how activities in the home can impact the system. This program will provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions, including when to pump out a tank and what can and cannot go down the drain.

At the end of the workshop, free septic tank pump-out vouchers will be given to qualified participants in attendance.

The final workshop is set for Thursday, March 16. The location has not been finalized.

MCHD's Onsite Sewage Division regulates onsite sewage disposal systems (OSDS/septic tanks) permitting, installation, inspections for all of Mobile County — residential and commercial. Onsite regulates septic and sewage tank pumpers and requires an annual inspection of the pump truck prior to use. All persons involved in the OSDS industry are required to be licensed by the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board.