

Vegetated Private Water Quality Facilities (VPWQF) Management Training

Clean Water Services (CWS) has developed a 15-hour, 6-module training program to be administered in collaboration with the Landscape Technology Program (LAT) on the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College (PCC). The training will be open to PCC students and industry professionals alike. Participants completing the course successfully will receive a certificate of completion, Oregon Landscape Contractors Board Continuing Education Hour credits and will be placed on a list of preferred Landscape Maintenance Contractors available on the CWS website and distributed by CWS and associated member cities to owners of VPWQFs.

Program Benefits:

- A properly maintained VPWQF will save on significant costs associated with rehabilitating a facility left in poor condition.
- Consistently well maintained VPWQFs reduce the work load for agency inspectors, creating efficiency in the compliance process.
- Landscape maintenance contractors receive a clear understanding of how to manage PWQFs successfully, realizing profit through greater efficiency.



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Curriculum Outline

The 6-module training program will be 15 hours according to the following schedule:

Module 1 (.5 hour) – VPWQF training program

- Section 1.1 – Why this training is important?
- Section 1.2 – Understanding the preferred contractors list
- Section 1.3 – Resources for VPWQF managers

Module 2 (1.5 hours) – Introduction to VPWQF

- Section 2.1 – How do VPWQF function?
- Section 2.2 – Common types of VPWQF

Module 3 (3 hours) – Inspection of VPWQF

- Section 3.1 – Understanding the agency inspection process
- Section 3.2 – Performing an inspection on a VPWQF (for owners and contractors)

Module 4 (3 hours) – Management of VPWQF

- Section 4.1 – Safety (Site, equipment, self)
- Section 4.2 – Equipment
- Section 4.3 – Before management
- Section 4.4 – Management practices
- Section 4.5 – Changing the facility

Module 5 (4 hours) – Hands on practice

- Section 5.1 – Guided inspection
- Section 5.2 – Practice inspection

Module 6 (3 hours) – Test and Certification

- Section 6.1 - Exam

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