

Maintaining Your Septic System

Having a properly functioning onsite wastewater treatment system is essential for treating the wastewater from your home and protecting local water resources.

Maintenance Tips:

- Pump septic tanks every 3-5 years
- Keep plants with large roots away from your septic system
- Maintain leaching area as lawn
- Avoid using a garbage disposal
- Direct any surface water and/or downspouts away from your septic system
- Do not flush any sanitary products or wipes down the toilet
- Do not build, park, or pave over any part of the system



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Want to learn more about your onsite wastewater treatment system? Call your local Soil & Water Conservation District, local municipality, or Department of Health to find out the septic system requirements for your area or to get more information on your system.

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