

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

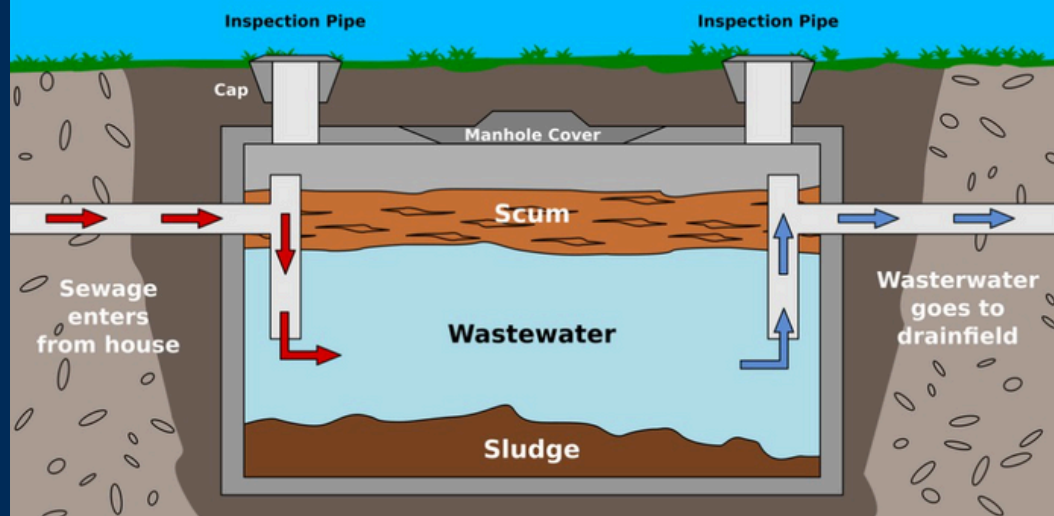
In Public Health



## MAINTENANCE NEEDS

# SEPTIC SYSTEM DO'S AND DON'TS

## Septic Tank Diagram



## Keep Your Septic Running Smoothly

Install water conserving devices ✓

Divert roof drains away from septic system ✓

Inspect and Clean Your Septic Every 3-5 Years ✓

Know where your septic and drain fields are located ✓

Grow grass or small plants above the septic system ✓

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FAILING SYSTEM SIGNS**

A well maintained septic system removes pollutants, preventing contamination from entering groundwater. A leaking septic system can reduce your property value, and be costly to maintain. In addition, leaking systems are harmful to human health, pets, wildlife, and the environment; impacting lakes, streams, rivers and reservoirs.



Questions? Call:  
**978- 562-2020**



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# FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEM SIGNS

If your system fails, call the Board of Health! 978-562-2020.

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## Surface Sewage

Sewage is surfacing over the drain field. This is most common after storm events.

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## Sewage is Backing-Up

Your sewage is backing-up into your home. Look at your sink, toilet, shower/bathtubs, etc.

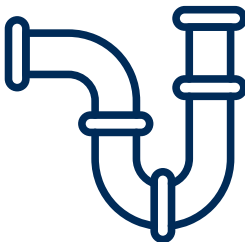
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## The Grass is Always Greener

The grass around your drainfield is lush and/or green growth is occurring within the drainfield.

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## Slow Drains

Drains, or toilets are flowing slowly. This can show a sign of failing septic or a clogged drain.

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## Foul Odor

Strong odors are present near your septic system.