

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In Public Health



Why Maintenance is Crucial

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

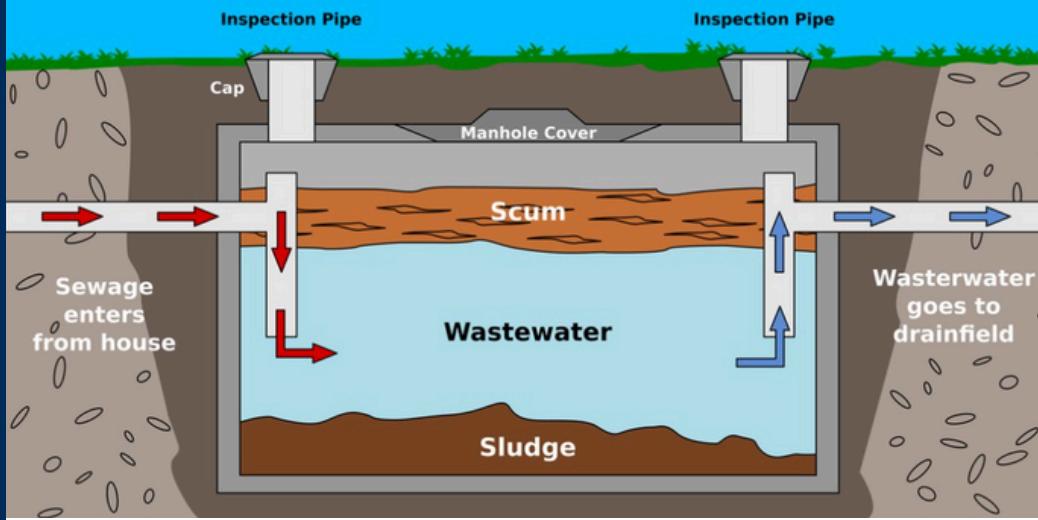


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MAINTENANCE NEEDS

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

**TURN PAGE FOR
FAILING SYSTEM SIGNS**

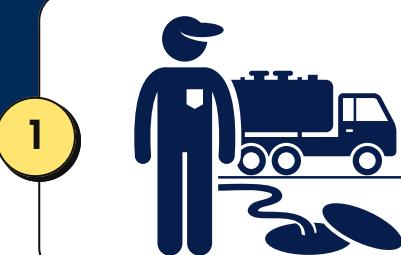
For More Information:

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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

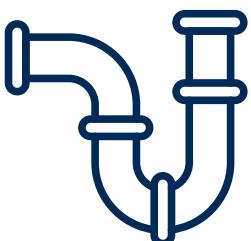
Your sewage is backing-up into your home. Look at your sink, toilet, shower/bathtubs, etc.



3

The Grass is Always Greener

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



4

Slow Drains

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



5

Foul Odor

Strong odors are present near your septic system.