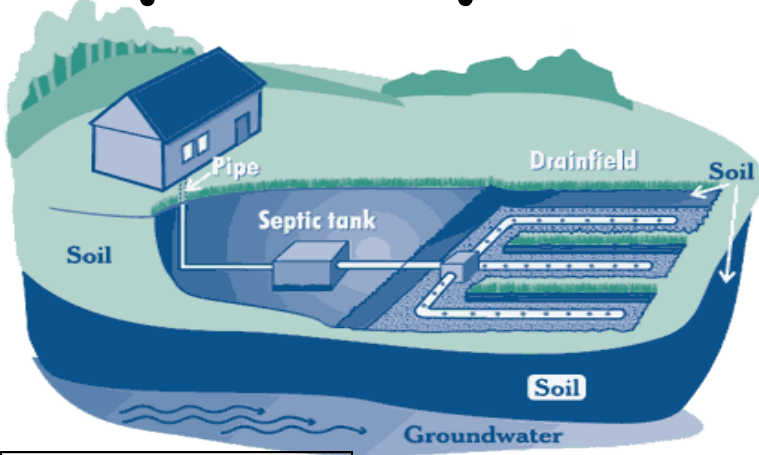


Septic Systems

Information for Homeowners

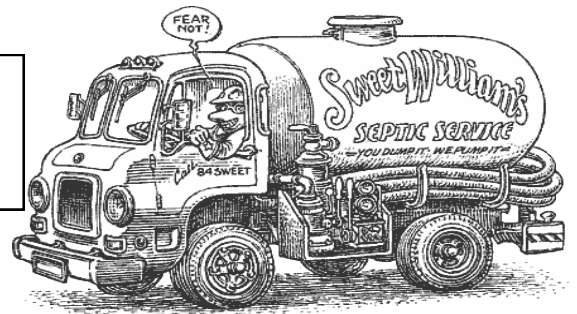


Ten simple steps to keep your septic system working

1. Locate your septic tank and drainfield. Keep a drawing of these locations in your records.



2. Have your septic system inspected at least every three years.



3. Pump your septic tank as needed (generally every three to five years).

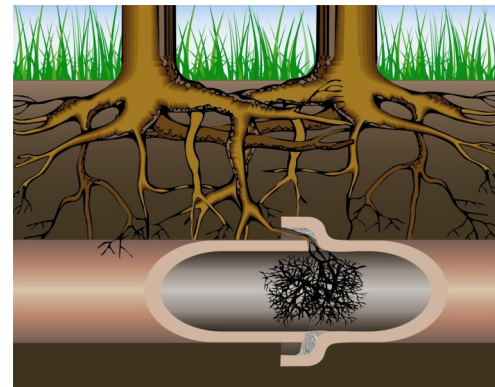
4. Keep other household items, such as dental floss, feminine hygiene products, condoms, diapers, and cat litter out of your system.



6. Use water efficiently

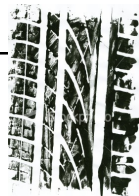
5. Don't dispose of hazardous wastes in sinks or toilets.

7. Keep gutters and basement sump pumps from draining into or near your septic system.



8. Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees and shrubs might clog and damage the system. Also, do not apply manure or fertilizers over the drainfield.

9. Keep vehicles and livestock off your septic system. The weight can damage the pipes and tank, and your system may not drain properly under compacted soil.



10. Check with your local Environmental Health Department before using additives. Commercial septic tank additives do not eliminate the need for periodic pumping and can be harmful to your system.