

Routine maintenance can lengthen the life of your septic system.



Pump Your Septic Tank

Septic tanks are typically pumped every 3 to 5 years, depending on water use. Generally, septic tanks accommodating larger households will need to be pumped more frequently.

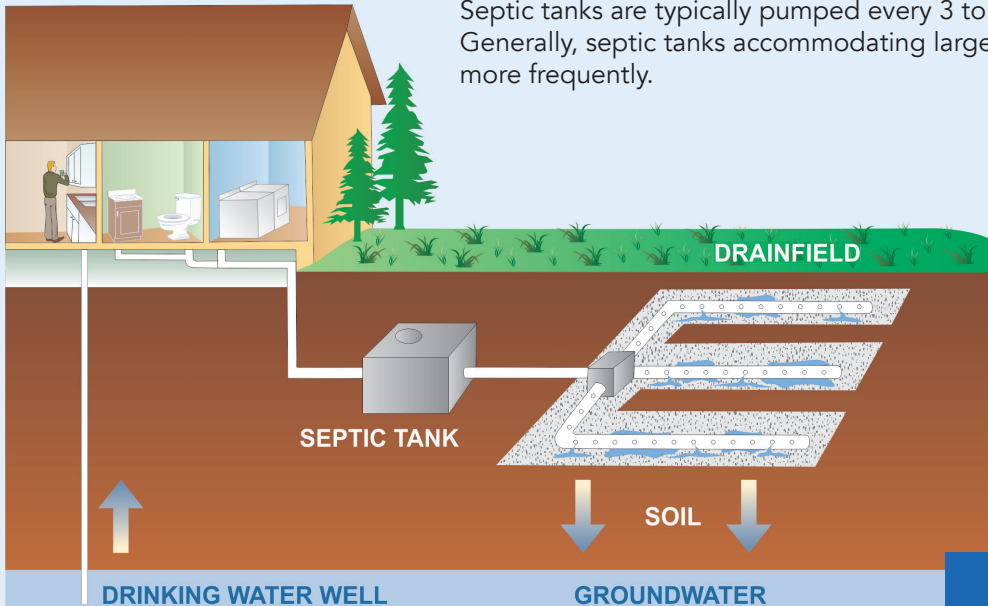


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Check for Septic System Failure

Call your septic system professional if you experience any of these indicators of septic system failure:

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- Wet spots or standing water near the septic tank or drain field
- Backups in toilets, drains, or sinks
- Bathtubs, showers, and sinks that drain very slowly

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Regular Inspection is the Best Protection!

Contact a certified septic system professional to inspect and monitor your system with the following recommended frequency:

- **Gravity systems:** Every three years
- **Pressure distribution systems:** Annually
- **A proprietary system** such as an aerobic treatment unit (ATU), membrane bioreactor (MBR), drip irrigation, and other products: Annually, or more often if required by the manufacturer
- **Mound or sand filter systems:** Annually

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