

Maintenance Tips for a Longer Lasting Septic System

Regular maintenance and upkeep of your septic system is crucial to ensure its proper function and longevity. Not maintaining your septic system can result in economic and ecological harm to your local environment and property. The following are standard maintenance practices that will help keep your system healthy:



Regular Septic Tank Pumping

- Septic tanks should be pumped out every 3-5 years or when total solids in the tank reach 25-33% of tank capacity.
- Contact a septic service technician to measure the level of solids in your tank.
- If your tank needs to be pumped, make sure pumping is done during dry seasons to reduce the risk of tank flotation.

Maintain Your Drainfield

- Your drainfield removes contaminants from the liquid that emerges from your septic tank.
- Never park or drive on your drainfield to make sure it functions properly.
- A healthy grass cover will help uptake moisture and nutrients while stabilizing the soil.
- Plant trees and other woody vegetation far enough away from your tanks and drainfield to keep roots from growing into your septic system.
- Diverting rainwater away from your tanks and drainfield will keep the soil surrounding the system from becoming too saturated and not allowing water to properly flow out of it.



