

# Guide for Septic Tank Pumping

*A full or poorly maintained septic system can leech out toxic chemicals. This puts you, your pets, and the environment at risk.*

## Make it routine.

Have your septic tank pumped and inspected by a professional once every 3 to 5 years.



## Use water efficiently.

Using less water eases the strain on your drain. You can also buy energy star appliances which use both water and electricity efficiently.



## Keep vegetation away.

Roots can clog your drain. Keep trees, bushes, and plants away from the tank's pipes and drainfield. It is never safe to eat plants that are growing in the vicinity of a septic tank. They can potentially absorb harmful bacteria.



## Keep heavy machinery away.

Never drive cars or other heavy machinery over the septic tank or near the drainfield.



## Look for the signs.

Foul smells, pooling of water, and excessive lawn growth are all signs of a septic tank at capacity.



## Be Septic Smart!

- Limit cleaning products that go down the drain.
- Items like fats, oils, and grease should never be disposed of in any sewage system.
- Use boiling water for clogged drains.
- Never flush paints, solids, or unwanted liquids down your drain.

