

If your home is located in a rural area or small community, you are likely one of the 25% of Canadians who uses a private septic system.

DID YOU KNOW?

- that maintaining your septic system can be done for as little as a few hundred dollars every 3-5 years?
- that slow or backed up drains in your house may be a sign that it is time for an inspection?
- that new and replacement systems require a building permit? Your municipality can tell you who enforces these requirements in your area.

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

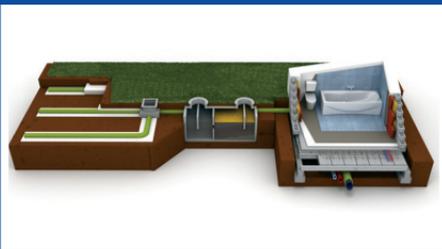
Improper maintenance of your system can endanger drinking water for your family as well as your community by providing a gateway for contamination. Protect your local environment and schedule regular maintenance!

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**BE
SEPTIC
SAVVY!**

When was your
septic system last
serviced?

Be Septic Smart!



Do ...

- know where your septic system is located
- pump out your tank every 3 - 5 years
- conserve water to reduce what's going into your system
- avoid excessive use of anti-bacterial soaps, bleach and harsh cleansers
- keep accurate records of septic system maintenance and service calls

Don't ...

- plant trees or shrubs, dig or drive over your septic tank or leaching bed
- flush grease, food, paint, solvents or other toxic chemicals down the drain
- forget to upgrade your system if you connect additional toilets, showers, hot tubs or sources of water
- inspect or pump out a septic system yourself! The tank contains deadly gases that can kill in a matter of seconds



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