

Top 10 Ways to Be a Good Septic Owner

- ✓ Have your system inspected every three years by a licensed professional
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years
- ✓ Avoid pouring harsh products (e.g., oils, grease, chemicals, paint, medications) down the drain
- ✓ Discard non-degradable products in the trash (e.g., floss, condoms, diapers) instead of flushing them
- ✓ Keep cars and heavy vehicles off the drainfield and tank
- ✓ Avoid use of septic tank cleaners and additives that remove necessary bacteria in the system
- ✓ Repair leaks and use water efficient fixtures to avoid overloading the system
- ✓ Maintain plants and vegetation near the system to ensure roots do not block drains
- ✓ Use soaps and detergents that are low-suds, biodegradable, and low- or phosphate-free
- ✓ Prevent system freezing during cold weather by inspecting and insulating vulnerable system parts (e.g., the inspection pipe and soil treatment area)

