

# Septic System Tips for Proper Usage

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- The first and easiest thing you can do is schedule regular checks on your system with a licensed septic system specialist. Depending on the type and flow rate of the system, checkups can be scheduled anywhere from once every three months to three years. Some system can be setup to be checked by the owner, but it is suggested that a professional is called upon to pump and inspect on a regular basis to ensure maximum longevity!
- Pumping your system on a regular interval is highly recommended. The amount of use and size of the system will dictate the pumping schedule, but it is safe to say the more people using the system, the more often you will need to have it serviced.
- Watching your water use carefully will be a major factor in how well your septic system functions. If you are able, use low-flow fixtures in your kitchen and bathroom. It will considerably reduce overall usage and wear and tear on the system.
- Try not to wash all your laundry on the same day. Spread washes throughout the week.
- Do not run your dishwasher and washing machine at the same time.
- Do not put anything but toilet tissue down the toilet. A product labelled “flushable” may be ok for a sewer-tied system, but not ok for septic systems.
- Do not drain hot tubs, pools, spas or other large-capacity water tank into the septic system. Pool chemicals can kill off beneficial bacteria in the system, and the massive rush of water can “flood” your leach field, rendering the system ineffective until it has properly drained.



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- Ensure risers are installed and easily accessible to septic system maintenance professionals.
- Ensure all rainwater and drainage is directed away from the leach field to prevent flooding the system.
- Use shallow-rooted grass, flowers and shrubs when landscaping on or around your system. This will help prevent damage from deep-growing root systems.
- Stop or reduce use of garbage disposal. These can quickly create a blockage in your septic system and leach field, as well as introduce large quantities of grease and other solids which will require more frequent pumping and system maintenance.
- Do not flush household cleaning chemicals or put them down the drain. These can potentially kill the beneficial bacteria or cause significant damage to the system itself. These can also pollute the groundwater if done in sufficient quantity or concentration.
- Do not build structures or park vehicles on the tank or leach field. This could cause damage to the system and compact the soil which prevents liquids from leaching into the earth freely.
- Do not use septic system additives unless directed by your septic system maintenance professional. These may cause issues with the system or eliminate the healthy bacteria within the tank. Only use additives if they are approved by your septic system maintenance professional for your specific septic system.

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