

Septic Tank Pump-Out Guide

Protect Water Quality!



Research has shown that failing septic tank systems contribute to considerable amounts of pollution to groundwater and the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. By having your septic tank pumped before it is full, the number of solids leaving the tank and moving into the drain field are greatly reduced, allowing your drain field to function as designed for a much longer amount of time.

Save Money!



By pumping your septic tank, it is easier to catch any issues that are present. Catching issues early can prevent further damage and may make them easier and less costly to fix.

When to pump your tank!



Septic tank pumping depends on various factors such as appropriateness of use and the amount of wastewater. However, experts recommend pumping your septic tank every 3-5 years.

Do NOT!



- Do NOT drive or park over the drainfield area.
- Do NOT plant any trees or shrubs within 30 feet of your septic tank or drainfield.
- Do NOT excessively water the lawn over the drainfield area.
- Do NOT put grease, hygiene products, wipes, paper towels, oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides, or other strong chemicals down your sink or toilet.

