

Septic System Maintenance Records

Important Information About Your Septic System

Date system was installed: _____

Tank Size (gallons): _____

Capacity (# of bedrooms): _____

Estimated Septic Tank Pumping Frequency					
Tank Size (gallons)	Household Size (Number of Occupants)				
	1	2	3	5	7
Years					
1,000	12	6	4	2	1
1,500	19	9	6	3	2

Source: Adapted from "Estimated Septic Tank Pumping Frequency," by Karen Mancl, 1984. *Journal of Environmental Engineering*. Volume 110.

Remember!

- ▶ Inspect your system and pump your tank as often as necessary.
- ▶ Use water efficiently.
- ▶ Only plant grass over the septic system to prevent roots from clogging the system.
- ▶ Commercial additives do not replace the need for periodic pumping.
- ▶ Never put industrial waste, solvents, paint, pesticides, or fertilizers into the system.
- ▶ Avoid putting diapers, cat litter, food scrapes, coffee grounds and grease into the system as they can cause clogs.

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Next Service	Scheduled Activity	Pumping Co./ Phone	Activities Completed	Comments
July 2008	Inspection	US Septic 555-2345	Inspection	Needs pump- ing next year

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