



Septic Tank Maintenance

What is septic tank?

A two compartment tank to hold liquid sewage to be “broken down” by bacteria until it’s ready to go back to the environment. Solid particles are held here for a couple of years before being pumped out.

How is a septic tank put into use?

Septic tanks are dug into the ground where one end receives the household wastes and the other end lets it out to the ground when it is safer to do so. Septic tanks should be CSA approved and installation should be inspected and approved by the local band or band council representative or the EHO.

What happens when a tank isn’t working right?

Septic water is being sent to the environment without proper treatment. This can harm humans, pets, wildlife and water sources. The septic pump can be overworked or damaged and needs replacing.

The septic water can back up into basements and damage belongings and homes.

What can we do to help keep our septic system working?

Do not flush the following down the toilet:

Plastics, metals, tampons, condoms, deceased pets, toys, coins, cardboard, food wastes—egg shells, coffee grounds, grease etc that bacteria will not break down.

Only flush:

Human waste, toilet paper, liquids from clothes and dish washers.