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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE**

**GET TOGETHER WITH  
YOUR NEIGHBOUR AND  
GET 15% OFF EACH  
TANK PUMPING**



Maintenance of any septic tank will depend largely on the daily flow of sewage and the number of persons served. With ordinary use and care, cleaning of the average septic tank should be necessary only every three to four years, provided the tank has been properly designed with adequate sludge storage space. Allowing a septic tank to operate for more than four years can endanger the dispersal field with the result that complete reconstruction may be necessary.

### **THE DO'S & DON'TS OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM**

- Do get your tank pumped every 3 – 4 years.
- Do use water sparingly.
- Do keep a sketch available showing the location of the house, septic tank, distribution box and dispersal field.
- Do think of renting a portable toilet if you are planning a large event to save on overuse of your septic field.
- Don't add septic additives to your tank. The bacteria from your house is usually all that is needed.
- Don't permit roof water, storm water, surface water, foundation drainage or water softeners to discharge into the tank or onto the drain field. The system may not have been designed for this extra water volume.
- Don't allow any vehicular traffic over any part of the dispersal system.
- Don't plant trees with large root systems in the dispersal field area.
- Don't use excessive quantities of bleaching compound or drain cleaners unless specified "safe for septic systems".
- Don't use substitutes for toilet paper. Paper towels, baby wipes, newspapers and wrappings may not decompose in the tank and plug the system.
- Don't allow feminine products into the septic system.

## **SERVICES WE PROVIDE:**

- Septic tank pumping
- Hydrovac Services
- Effluent pump installations
- Power snaking / drain cleaning
- High pressure field cleaning / water jetting
- Pipe thawing
- See Snake – camera & locator for septic tank or D-box locating, line locating & inspection
- Grease trap cleaning
- Lift station pumping
- Parking lot drain cleaning
- Outhouse pumping

## **PORTABLE TOILET AND WASHING STATION RENTALS**

