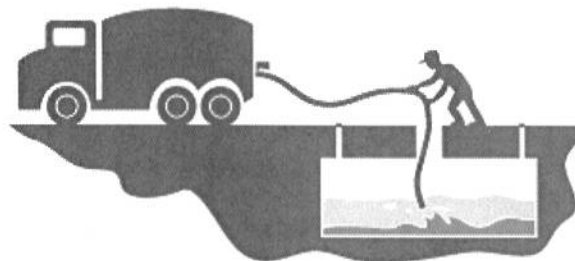


Maintain accurate maintenance records. These records will be helpful if problems occur, and will be valuable to the next owner of the home. The following chart can assist in establishing a good maintenance program.

| Date | Nature of Work (Tank Pumped, Inspection, Repairs) | Contractor Name | Cost |
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- Inspect or have your septic tank inspected once each year. Ensure that the buildup of sludge and scum does not limit the ability to settle solids. Check to ensure the baffles or tees are in good condition. If the tank has an effluent filter, have it checked and cleaned if needed. Check for root intrusion or evidence of ground or surface water entering the tank.
- Your local health department may assist you with your annual inspection.



Many septic tank owners believe that if they haven't had any problems, they don't need to have their septic tanks pumped. If the solids are not removed, eventually they will flow out of the tank damaging the rest of the system. The following chart can be used as a guide to assist you as to when to have your tank pumped.

| Tank Size (GAL) | Number of People Living in House | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 750 | 9.1 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| 1000 | 12.4 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1 |
| 1250 | 15.6 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| 1500 | 18.9 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| 1750 | 22.1 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 5 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| 2000 | 25.4 | 12.4 | 8 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 |
| 2500 | 31.9 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 4 | 4 |
| Pumping Frequency in Years | | | | | | | | |

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- Always use a registered septage hauler approved by your local health department.
- More frequent pumping is necessary if a garbage disposal is used.
- Biological and chemical additives are not necessary, may cause harm to the system, and do not eliminate the need for pumping the septic tank.

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