



Welcome!

Thank you for downloading your Septic Maintenance Checklist!

With this downloadable PDF, you now have an easy-to-follow plan to keep your septic system healthy and hassle-free all year long. Regular upkeep will save you time, money, and stress in the long run.

Stay tuned to your inbox—we'll regularly send you valuable tips, helpful tricks, and interesting insights to further simplify your home septic maintenance journey.

Thanks again for trusting us with your septic care needs!

Happy maintaining!



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Septic Tank Maintenance Checklist

(Monthly + Seasonal Tasks)

Print and keep with your home maintenance binder or near your septic system record log.



Monthly Maintenance

- ☐ Check for slow drains, gurgling toilets, or foul odors
- ☐ Walk around the drainfield for standing water or soggy spots
- ☐ Fix any dripping faucets or running toilets
- ☐ Use septic-safe toilet paper and cleaning products
- ☐ Avoid flushing wipes, grease, or chemicals
- ☐ Log any observations or minor issues

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Spring Checklist

- ☐ Inspect tank lid and ground for winter damage or shifting
- ☐ Look for odor or water pooling in yard
- ☐ Clear debris from vent pipes on roof
- ☐ Pump the tank if needed (especially before summer use)
- ☐ Trim back shrubs or roots near system
- ☐ Ensure gutters direct water away from drainfield

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Summer Checklist

- ☐ Spread out laundry, shower, and dishwasher use over several days
- ☐ Monitor for slow drainage or backups after heavy use
- ☐ Clearly mark the location of your septic tank and drainfield
- ☐ Keep heavy equipment, RVs, and kiddie pools off the drainfield
- ☐ Don't allow lawnmower to damage the tank lid or access ports

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Fall Checklist

- ☐ Pump tank if it's due (before ground freezes)
- ☐ Check and secure tank lid insulation or covers
- ☐ Clear leaves and debris from around system access points
- ☐ Make sure sump pumps do NOT drain into septic system
- ☐ Reroute sprinklers away from drainfield

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Winter Checklist

- ☐ Avoid driving or compacting snow over drainfield
- ☐ Cover exposed lines with straw mulch if needed
- ☐ Space out household water use during holidays
- ☐ Watch for freezing signs: slow drains, bad smells
- ☐ Maintain snow cover on drainfield for insulation

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Annual / As-Needed Maintenance

- ☐ Schedule a full system inspection (every 1–3 years)
- ☐ Pump tank (every 3–5 years, or as needed)
- ☐ Clean/replace effluent filter
- ☐ Test well water (if applicable) for contamination
- ☐ Review and update your system diagram and records

Notes



✗ What NOT To Do

- ☐ Don't flush wipes, paper towels, or feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Don't pour grease, oil, or paint down the drain
- ☐ Don't use chemical drain cleaners
- ☐ Don't ignore gurgling or slow drains
- ☐ Don't plant trees or shrubs on or near the drainfield
- ☐ Don't build over the system (no decks, patios, sheds)

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Notes / Observations:



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