

Record of Service

Installation Date _____ Type of System _____ Capacity _____

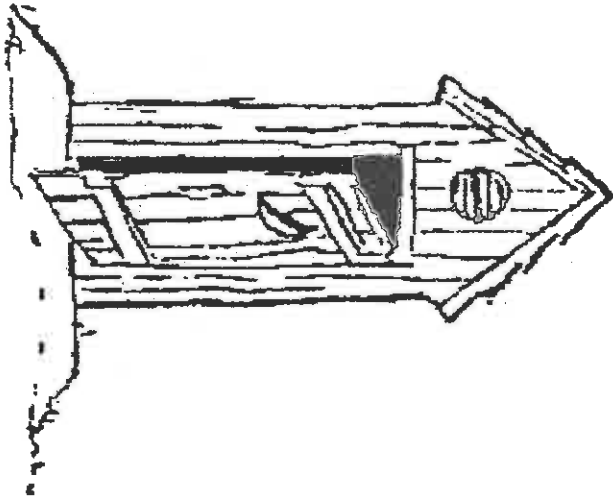
Contractor _____ Phone Number _____

DATE	WORK DONE	CONTRACTOR

Your New Septic System

Safety & Maintenance

Tips



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SUBSURFACE SEEPAGE SYSTEM - DOS & DON'TS

DO know the location of the system. Keep a

diagram with your maintenance records.

DO have your septic system inspected

annually. Keep detailed records of

inspections, pumpings, repairs and other

maintenance.

DO keep your system accessible for

inspections and pumping, yet protected from

unauthorized access.

DO call a professional whenever you

experience problems with your system, or if

there are any signs of failure.

DO conserve water to avoid overloading the

system. Repair any leaky faucets or toilets.

DON'T allow anyone to drive or park over any

part of the system.

DON'T plant anything over or near the

drainfield except grass. Grass prevents erosion

and helps remove excess water.

DON'T build over any part of your system or

cover with hard surfaces such as concrete or

asphalt.

DON'T make or allow any modifications to the

system without obtaining the proper Health

Department permit. Only use licensed septic

contractors when needed.

DON'T pour toxic chemicals or harsh cleaners

into any drains.

NEVER FLUSH coffee grinds, dental floss, disposable diapers, kitty litter,

sanitary napkins, tampons, cigarette butts, condoms, paper towels, fat, grease, oil

or any hazardous chemicals such as paints, varnishes, thinners, waste oil or pesticides

WHY THE TANK NEEDS PUMPING PERIODICALLY

About 95 percent of the sludge and scum that is in your septic tank is broken down by bacteria. The other 5 percent remains in the tank and builds up in the sludge layer.

Consequently, your septic tank must be pumped out regularly. Otherwise, solids will eventually fill the tank and wash out into the leachfield. This is detrimental to the overall health and longevity of your system.

Although your tank may be large enough to accumulate solids for several years, you shouldn't take a chance on it. Have it checked by a licensed septic contractor every two to three years. If you have high water usage or a garbage disposal, the inspections should be more frequent. Use the septic system Record of Service chart on the back to enter and date each inspection and pumping.

Be sure to exercise appropriate caution when inspecting a septic tank. Never allow anyone to inspect a septic tank alone. Toxic gases are produced by the natural treatment process in septic tanks and can kill in minutes. Even just looking in the septic tank can be dangerous.

Please contact the Fayette

County Health Department

with any additional questions.

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