

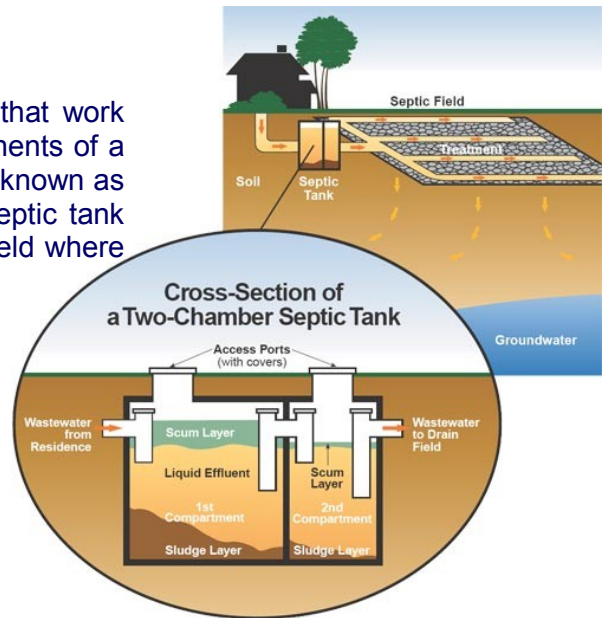
RENTERS' GUIDE TO A SEPTIC SYSTEM

What is a Septic System?

A typical septic system consists of two main components that work together to breakdown household wastes. The main components of a septic system are the septic tank and the leaching bed (also known as a drainfield or weeping bed). Wastewater first enters the septic tank where partial treatment occurs and then goes to the drain field where the final steps

How does the Septic Tank work?

Septic systems take household waste from bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms and breakdown the waste before discharging cleansed water back to the ground water. However, neglected systems can have serious consequences for the environment and public health.



Don'tcha put it down the drain!



Septic systems rely on bacteria to break down organic material in the septic tank. So even small amounts of common household products flushed down the sink or toilet can kill bacteria in the tank.

Do not put anything into the septic system that doesn't break down. Only use one-ply toilet paper. Avoid the use of in-sink garbage disposal units (garburators).

Don't use your toilet & sink as a garbage can.

Do not put the following products down the drain:

- Anti-bacterial soap
- Anti-freeze
- Baby/personal wet wipes
- Cat box litter
- Cigarette butts
- Cleaning products with bleach
- Coffee grinds
- Condoms
- Dental floss
- Disposable diapers
- Drain cleaner
- Egg shells
- Facial tissue
- Fat, grease or oil
- Gasoline
- Kitchen scraps
- Nail polish remover
- Paint
- Paint thinner
- Paper towels
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Tampons & holders
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Varnish

Don't drive or park vehicles (including ATVs & snowmobiles) over the leaching bed or septic tank.

Some cleaning products may be harmful to the septic system & the environment. Only use biodegradable cleaning products. Never use drain cleaners as even a small amount can kill the bacteria in the tank.

Practice water conservation by having short showers and only run the dishwasher and washing machine when full.



Please put this notice in your cottage bathroom