Homeowner Septic System Checklist

Septic System Description

Contact your local authority if you don't have this information.

Date system installed _____

Installer _____

Phone _____

Tank size _____ **gallons**

Capacity _____ **bedrooms**

Type ☐ **conventional**

☐ **alternative (type)** _____

For more information about septic systems, contact:

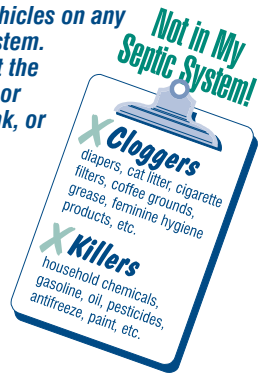
Clean Water starts at Home

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov/owm/onsite/

Things to keep in mind:

- ✓ *Inspect your system (every 1 to 3 years) and pump your tank (as necessary, generally every 3 to 5 years).*
- ✓ *Use water efficiently.*
- ✓ *Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks and toilets.*
- ✓ *Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the drainfield.*
- ✓ *Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil in your drainfield or damage the pipes, tank, or other septic system components.*



Septic System Maintenance Record

Next Service	Scheduled Activity	Pumping Co./ Phone	Activities Completed	Comments
Jan. 2003	inspection	Joe Pumper 555-1234	inspection	sludge layer okay-may need pumping next year

Place on electrical box (fuse box) or other convenient location.