



Septic System Maintenance for Homeowners Educational Video Script

Did you know that a properly maintained septic system can last between 25 and 30 years? It's important to maintain your septic system to keep the system functioning properly, identify problems early, and keep our environment safe!

Upkeep is more cost effective than having to fix repairs, so be sure to follow these basic do's and don'ts for your septic system:

DO:

- flush only the three P's (pee, poo, and toilet paper),
- maintain a healthy grass lawn over the drainage field to stabilize the soil,
- use liquid laundry detergent, and
- space out laundry loads to avoid overloading the system.

DON'T:

- use drain cleaners or other heavy-duty cleaners,
- flush feminine hygiene products, wipes, or other items down the drain,
- plant trees near your septic system, or
- park vehicles or build anything above the drainage field.

It is recommended to pump your septic system every three to five years to prevent damage to the system.

Learn more about maintaining your septic system online at www.nctcog.org/TMDL.

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