# On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Social Media Toolkit

*This Social Media Toolkit is a resource for entities to use for outreach purposes to educate the public on proper OSSF maintenance. The table below contains images and captions that are meant to be posted together.*

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| **Image** | **Caption** |
|  | An “OSSF” is known as an On Site Sewage Facility. Once installed, homeowners must maintain their system. Types of systems include secondary treatment systems, non-standard treatment systems, drip irrigation, and surface application disposal. For more information on OSSF maintenance, visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossfmaintenance.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossfmaintenance.html). |
|  | Here is a quick look at how an On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) looks on the inside. These types of septic systems are designed to treat and release wastewater on the property where it was created. In most OSSFs, the system works by recycling biological waste using the natural environment. As wastewater enters the tank, heavier solids will sink to the bottom and lighter solids will float to the top. The wastewater will flow through the tank and out to the drainage field, where the water infiltrates into the soil.  Learn more at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | What you need to know about the “drainage field” over your septic tank! Follow these tips to keep your septic system running smoothly. Learn more at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | Do you know the do’s and don’t’s of what to do with the drainage field above your septic tank? Follow this guide to learn more! Go to [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL) for more information on On Site Sewage Facilities. |
|  | Why should you take care of your On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF)? By taking care of your OSSF, you are saving yourself money by avoiding having to repair or replace your system. You are also protecting your property value and the environment in the process. Learn more at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | Avoid flushing these items down the drain as they will cause harm to your septic tank. To learn what else you should never flush down the drain, visit DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com. |
|  | Follow this diagram to learn how an onsite wastewater treatment system works. Learn more about the installation and maintenance of an On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | In order to keep your On Site Sewage Facility running smoothly, you should pump your septic tank every 3 to 5 years. To find a licensed sludge transporter, visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/registration/sludge/query.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/registration/sludge/query.html) |
|  | What are the “Do’s” and “Do Not’s” to caring for a Septic System? Follow these tips to ensure your On Site Sewage Facility keeps running smoothly. Learn more at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | Did you know that you should pump your On Site Sewage Facility every 3 to 5 years to prevent short-circuiting the treatment process? The importance of pumping your OSSF ensures the system is functioning properly, and it isn’t full. Learn more at [www.Nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.Nctcog.org/TMDL). |
|  | Do you own a septic tank? Whether you’ve had a septic tank for years or recently had one installed, please visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossf\_contacts.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossf_contacts.html) to learn who you can contact about technical information, licenses, local orders, and permitting issues. |
|  | Before you can install an On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF), you must have the site evaluated by a licensed site evaluator or a licensed professional engineer. Find the proper personnel at [www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossfsystems.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ossf/ossfsystems.html). |