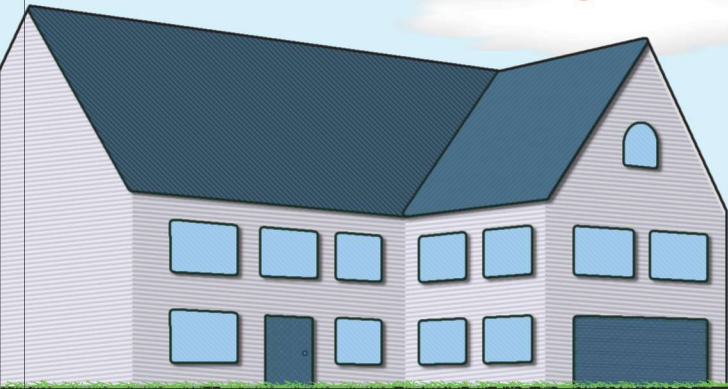


How's That Septic System Been Doing?

Your On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) can last nearly 30 years if you treat it right.



When's the last time you pumped it?

It's recommended to pump your OSSF every three to five years to ensure proper treatment and draining and prevent system failures. You don't want to learn you're overdue during a midnight trip to the bathroom.

Are you taking care to only flush the Three P's?

Pee, poop, toilet paper – that's all that should be going down your toilets. No more, no less. Hygiene products, wipes, floss, etc. all go in the trash.

Are you being careful in the kitchen?

Avoid putting fat, oil, and grease (FOG) down the drain as these will solidify and clog your pipes. You should also take care to only put soft perishables through your garbage disposal as things like coffee grounds or eggshells cause clogs.

Your OSSF is a delicate ecosystem.

Are you letting your septic system breathe?

Keeping your drain field clear is critical. Anything heavy like cars, horses, livestock, etc. should NEVER find their way over that drain field. Excess weight on the field compacts the soil and damages your pipes.

Standing water should be avoided by using landscaping or gutters to carry water away from the field.

Never pave, lay gravel, or build over your drain field and avoid planting trees, bushes, invasive plants, and crops.

Only lawns and no-maintenance, low-growing, non-invasive plants should cover your drain field.

You're not poisoning your microbes, are you?

Your drain field is teeming with microbes that break down your waste and turn it into soil. You should take great care to keep them healthy.

Medicines, drain cleaner, household cleaning products, bleach, and greases are all toxic to your drain field ecosystem and should be collected in separate containers for proper disposal.

If you take care of your microbes, they'll do the rest.



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This advice is not comprehensive; additional resources can be found online at nctcog.org/envir/natural-resources/tmdl

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