



Frederick County's Septic Pump-Out Rebate Program



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Tips for Green Leaders -in- FREDERICK COUNTY



Maintaining Your Well and Septic System



Water Conservation Tips

Turn off faucets while shaving or brushing your teeth.

Only run your dishwasher or washing machine with a full load.

Repair leaky faucets, toilets, or pipes.

Landscape using drought-tolerant plants.

Water your garden in the morning or evening when evaporation is lowest.



Septic System Tips

Do!

- Inspect and pump out your system every 5 years.
- Only flush human waste and toilet paper. Ensure all items that are flushed down the septic tank can be broken down by bacteria in the tank.
- Plant only grass over the drainfield.

Do Not!

- Dispose of hazardous wastes in sinks or toilets.
- Use large amounts of bacteria-killing toxins like bleaches, household cleaning products, and disinfectants.
- Drive or park vehicles on top of the drainfield.
- Plant trees or shrubs over the drainfield.



Well Maintenance Tips

Consider the proximity of your well to possible pollution sources. The geology of the area may affect the risk of contamination.

Protect your well from:

- Problems near your well such as flooding, or land disturbances.
- Pollution or animal waste around well head.

Test and inspect your well for:

- Proper Cap
- Damage to casing
- Bacteria each year
- Harmful chemicals every two to three years

Test and inspect your well when:

- You replace or repair part of your well system.
- You notice a change in your well water's taste, color, smell or water quality.

Resources

Environmental Health Services

Frederick County Health Department
350 Montevue Lane
Frederick, MD 21702
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Contact your state or local health department to test your water for bacteria, or to get in to contact with a licensed lab in your area that can test for harmful substances

About your Septic System

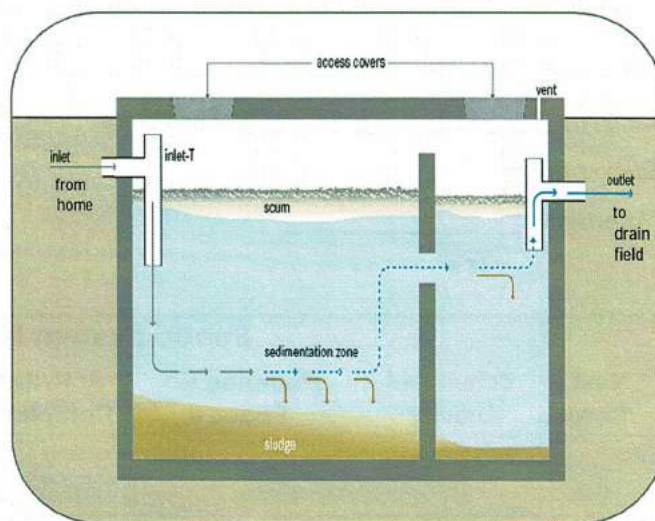
The septic tank is an underground, watertight container that is usually made with concrete, fiberglass, or polyethylene. It holds wastewater long enough for solids to settle out to form sludge, and oil and grease to float to the surface as scum. It also allows partial decomposition of solid materials.

How does a septic system work?

Compartments and a T-shaped outlet in the septic tank prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and moving into the drainfield area. Wastewater exits the septic tank and is discharged into the drainfield for further treatment by the soil. Microbes in the soil digest or remove most contaminants from wastewater before it reaches the groundwater.

BAT & Septic Tanks

Best Available Technology or BAT units are specifically designed for nitrogen reduction. These units are pre-treated and include electrical and mechanical components such as pumps, blowers, and alarms. BAT units can replace or work in conjunction with an existing septic tank.



Typical Septic Tank

Responsible Septic System Ownership

If you have a septic system on your property, maintaining it is your responsibility! Proper septic system maintenance such as having your septic system inspected and pumped out every 5 years, has several benefits to the property owner:

- A well-maintained septic system is less likely to break down and require costly repair.
- Maintaining your septic system protects your home investment— if you sell your home, your septic system must be in good working order.
- Maintaining your septic system protects the groundwater and drinking water supply.

Contact your state or local health department to test your water for bacteria, or to get in to contact with a licensed lab in your area that can test for harmful substances.



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Homeowner Septic System Checklist

Septic System Description

Date system installed _____

Installer _____

Phone _____

Tank size _____ gallons

Capacity _____ # of bedrooms

Conventional (Y/N) _____

Alternative _____
(Type)

Things that can clog your system:

- "Flushable" Wipes
- Diapers
- Cat litter
- Cigarette filters
- Coffee grounds
- Grease

Things that can kill the bacteria in your system.

- Household chemicals
- Gasoline
- Pesticides
- Antifreeze

Septic System Maintenance Record

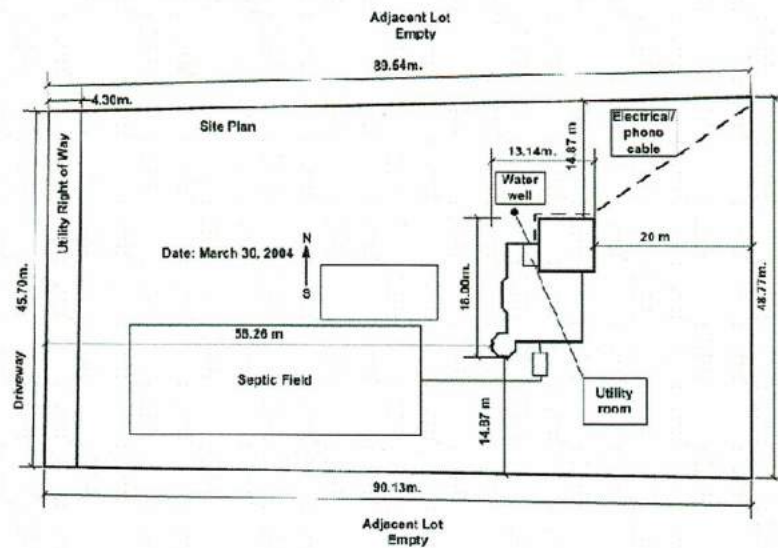
Next Service	Scheduled Activity	Pumping Co. Phone #	Activities Completed	Comments
Jan. 2021	Pump-out / Inspection	Joe Pumper 301-555-1234	Pump-out	Joe Pumper suggested replacing riser within 5 years



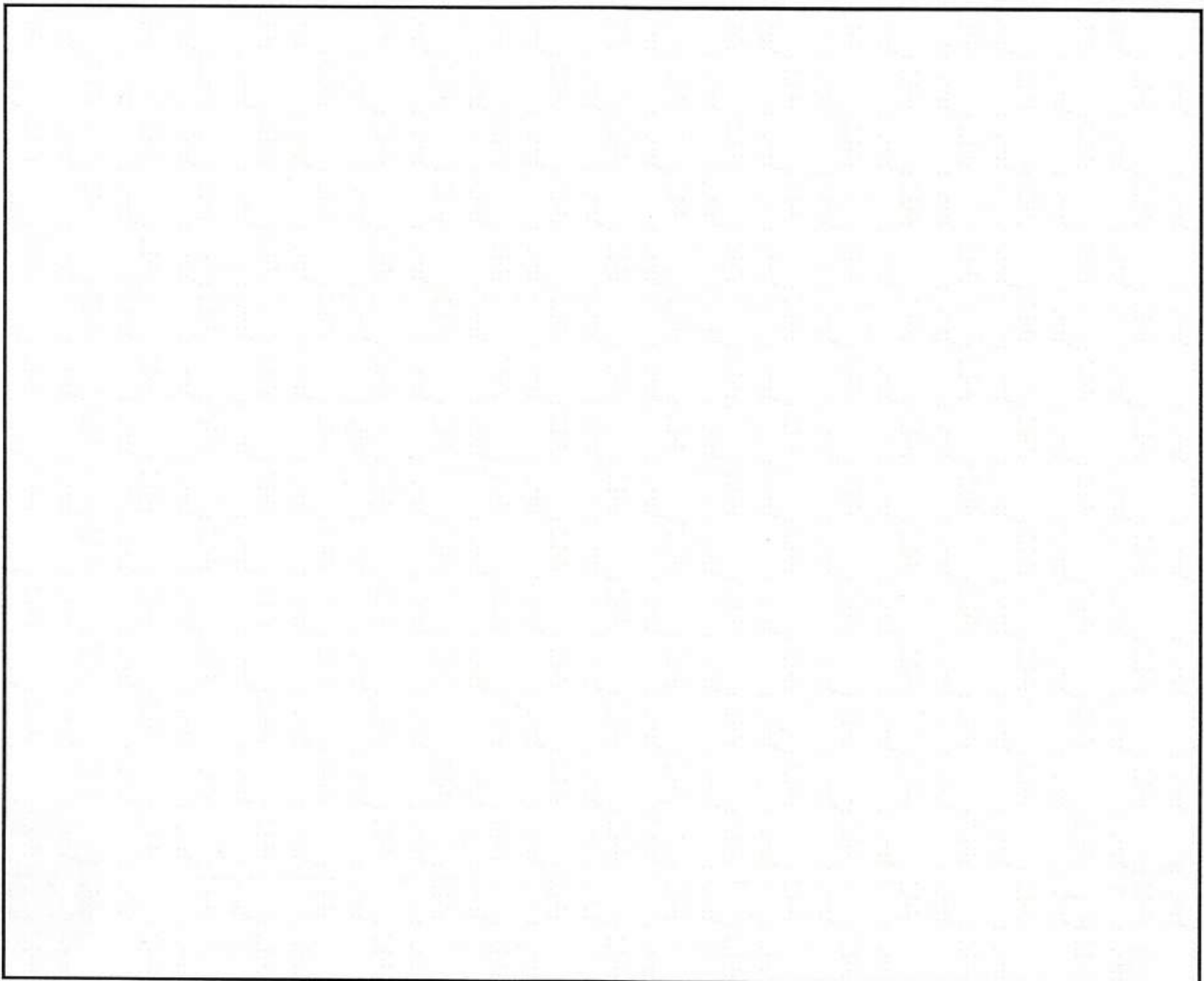
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Draw a sketch of where your septic system is located on your property. This will help your contractors for septic pumping or other issues. It may also be useful when selling your property.

Example Septic Field sketch



Homeowner Septic sketch





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Updated July 17, 2019

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 301-600-3155.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Dillman, Program Manager
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301-600-1726 (information)/301-600-3180 (fax machine)
Email to InformationResearchRequests@FrederickCountyMD.gov

INFORMATION RESEARCH REQUEST FORM

Date _____

This document serves as a formal request for information on the property located at

Street Address _____

Subdivision Name _____

Lot # _____ Section _____ Block _____

Tax Map _____ Parcel _____

Well Identification Tag Number _____ (tag should be attached to well casing)
(if requesting well information)

*****ALL INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE PROVIDED OR REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED*****

Name of property owner at the time of well and/or septic installation, or at the time of repair or replacement.

It is the requesters responsibility to provide the necessary information for our staff to complete the research. A deed search may be required prior to form submission in order to locate information requested.

Real Property Search <http://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

Maryland Deed Search <https://mdlandrec.net/main/index.cfm>

Current Owner's Full Name _____
AND

Previous Owner's Full Name _____ Back to 1950 or year installation occurred

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Provide me with the following information

EXISTING PROPERTY WITH DWELLING

_____ well completion report
_____ existing septic location
_____ bedrooms permitted with current septic system
_____ other (be specific) _____

NEW PROPERTY WITH NO DWELLING

_____ well completion report (for developed property)
_____ proposed septic location (new lots)
_____ total bedrooms allowed (perk results)

Requested by
Name _____
Address _____
Phone (home) _____
(work) _____
(fax) _____

Information to be
_____ picked up in office
_____ faxed
_____ mailed
_____ emailed to

NOTE: Requested information will be returned to you within a **minimum** of ten (10) working days of receipt. A **minimum** of up to 15 working days must be allowed for percolation verification and other technical questions.

NOTE: INCOMPLETE REQUEST FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

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Haulers Permitted		City / Zip	Phone	Comments
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Rohrbaugh Septic Cleaning	H-010	Emmitsburg MD. 21727	301-447-2286	Residential & Commercial
Jet Septic	H-042	Westmister MD 21157	410.875.2311	Residential & Commercial
Joseph Renehan / AYS	H-083	Taneytown MD 21787	410.751.1830	Residential & Commercial
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