



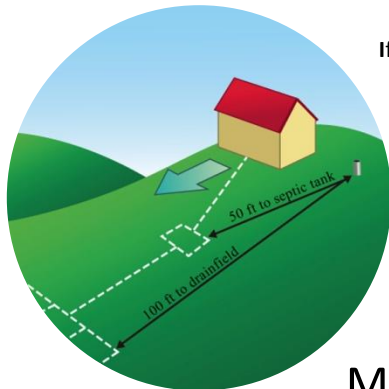
Pumping Your Septic Tank

If your home is not connected to a municipal sewage treatment system, you will require hiring septic pumping services. Generally, it is recommended that tanks are pumped out every two to three years depending on the occupancy in your house and the soil content. A pumping quote is based on:

- The gallon size of the tank that you provide
- Distance between the tank and the disposal facility
- Accessibility of the tank
- The volume of solids in the wastewater
- Whether your tank needs to be located and uncovered
- If pumping needs to be done outside office hours. Our hours of service are Monday – Friday from 7 am – 3 pm.



Where is my tank located?



If you do not know where the tank is located, try looking at construction plans for your home. It should be noted on those. If you don't have the original plan of your home you can visit your local Environmental Health Agency and request one.

You can also find the main discharge pipe under your home in the crawl space and follow the pipe outside until you locate the tank.

Pay attention! It's best to locate and flag the lid rather than opening it. Open septic tanks can be extremely hazardous, especially to kids.

Maintenance of your tank

As long as your tank is pumped frequently – every two to three years – an inspection is only needed on occasion. More sophisticated tanks with electrical float switches, pumps, or mechanical components should be pumped more often.

In order to increase the useful life of your septic system you might consider the following:

- Maintain your tank by pumping regularly and inspect on occasion
- Try to keep the output of wastewater to a minimum by being mindful about using water
- Do not use your septic system for anything that can be disposed of in some other way. Septic waste only include human wastes, toilet paper, and water from toilets, sinks and showers.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal

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