

Why is it important to properly maintain my septic tank?

It saves you money.

Malfunctioning systems can cost \$3,000-\$7,000 to repair or replace compared to maintenance costs of about \$250-\$500 every three to five years.

It protects the value of your home.

Malfunctioning septic systems can drastically reduce property values, hamper the sale of your home, and even pose a legal liability.

It keeps your water clean and safe.

A properly maintained system helps keep your family's drinking water pure, and reduces the risk of contaminating community, local, and regional waters.

It keeps the environment clean.

Malfunctioning septic systems can contaminate local waterways with bacteria and other disease-causing organisms.

How do I know if my septic system is not working properly?

Mind the Signs!

Here are a few signs of septic system malfunction. If you discover any of these warning signs, call your health department immediately. One call could save you thousands of dollars.

- Wastewater backing up into household drains.
- A strong odor around the septic tank and drainfield.
- Bright green, spongy grass appearing on the drainfield, even during dry weather.