

Septic System Maintenance

It saves you money & protects clean water!



Septic System Maintenance Tips

- There are many reasons to keep a maintained septic system; most importantly it saves you money. Maintenance will cost \$300-\$500 every 3 to 5 years but replacing a system costs \$5,000-\$15,000.
- Pump your septic tank every 3 to 5 years - pumping the tank on a periodic basis is one of the best ways to keep a system functioning the maximum length of time.
- Don't build on top of or drive across any part of your septic system.
- If you have a sand filter, be sure use the correct type of chlorine tablet (not swimming pool tablets!) and maintain proper chlorine levels in the chlorinator (see other side for list of suppliers).
- Avoid using any special additives to your septic system - they generally don't work and can deteriorate your system instead.
- Don't pour grease, fats, or chemicals like paints and solvents down your sink.
- Avoid garbage disposal usage - it can shorten the life of your septic system.
- For a list of licensed septic system installers and pumpers and more detailed information on septic system maintenance, contact the McLean County Health Department at 309-888-5482 or consult their website at health.mcleancountyil.gov.



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Chlorinator tablets are available
locally at:

Bradford Supply

Bloomington (309) 828-8313

Tolan's Excavating

Bloomington (309) 663-0191

Shoemaker Farm Drainage

LeRoy (309) 962-3108

Williamson Farm Drainage

Bloomington (309) 828-9300