

# Seasonal Septic Maintenance Guide

This guide helps homeowners and property managers understand what to watch for throughout the year to keep septic systems operating properly and avoid costly failures. Preventative awareness is the first step in protecting your system.

## SPRING – System Recovery & Evaluation

- Schedule a professional septic system inspection after winter usage.
- Check for standing water, odors, or unusually lush grass near the drain field.
- Confirm access points, risers, and lids are secure and undamaged.
- Look for signs of soil saturation or shifting around the system area.
- Address slow drains or backups early before usage increases.

## SUMMER – High Usage Awareness

- Be mindful of increased water usage from guests or outdoor activities.
- Space out heavy water use to avoid overwhelming the system.
- Keep vehicles, equipment, and structures off the drain field.
- Watch for sewage odors or wet areas during peak usage.
- Contact a professional if alarms, warnings, or drainage issues appear.

## FALL – Preventative Planning

- Schedule preventative maintenance before colder weather arrives.
- Inspect visible components for cracks, settling, or wear.
- Mark system locations to avoid accidental damage during landscaping.
- Review system performance and address recurring issues.
- Plan service needs for the upcoming year.

## WINTER – System Protection

- Avoid sudden high-volume water use that can stress the system.
- Ensure soil coverage remains intact over system components.
- Do not drive or park on frozen ground above the septic system.
- Monitor drains for slow movement that may indicate freezing or blockage.
- Call a professional immediately if backups or strong odors occur.

## **Why Seasonal Awareness Matters**

Septic systems rarely fail without warning. Seasonal awareness allows small issues to be identified early, reducing emergency calls, extending system life, and protecting property value.

## **Need Professional Support?**

Septic Maintenance Pro provides professional septic inspections and preventative maintenance services. If you have questions or want to schedule service, we are here to help.