

# THIS PROPERTY IS SERVED BY

## A SEPTIC SYSTEM

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SYSTEMS

BUT GUIDELINES STILL APPLY

## PLEASE FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF OTSEGO LAKE WATER

### SEPTIC BEST PRACTICES FOR OWNERS, RENTERS, & GUESTS:

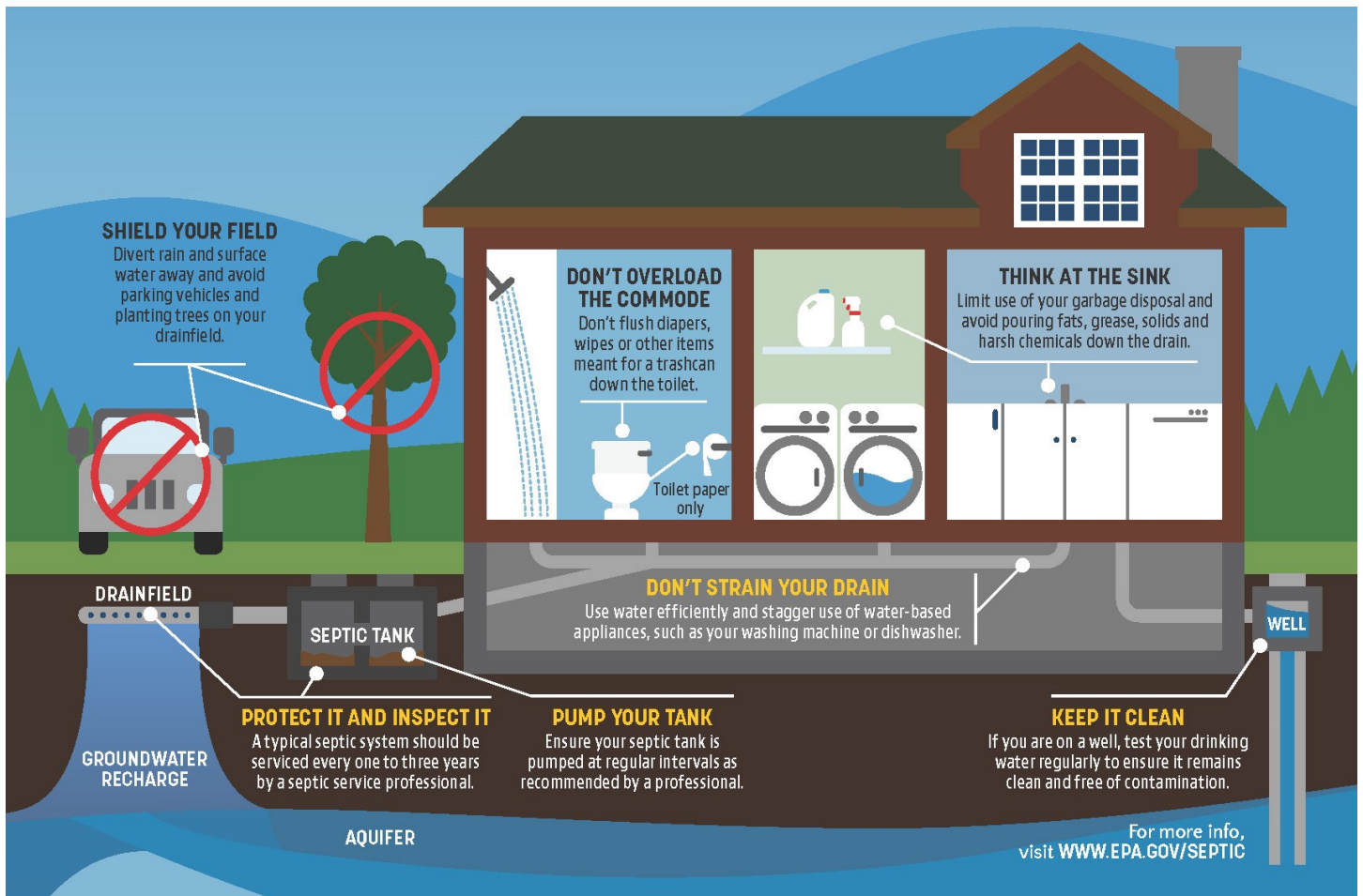
#### SMART FLUSHING:

- Don't flush non-degradable products like diapers, wipes (even if they say flushable), or hygiene products.
- No pills into the toilet!
- Keep grease, chemicals, and hair out of the drain.
- Take care not to overload the system stagger the use of water-based appliances.
- When in doubt, follow an easy rule of thumb: **DO NOT FLUSH ANYTHING BESIDES HUMAN WASTE AND TOILET PAPER DOWN THE DRAIN!**

### WHAT IS A SEPTIC SYSTEM?

Septic systems are a way to treat your wastewater and consist of 4 main parts. Piping moves your wastewater from the building into a septic tank. There, solids settle and are digested with the help bacteria while the wastewater moves into what's known as a leach field. There the water is discharged into the lawn and filtered through the soil before reentering the water system and, eventually back into Otsego Lake.

IN CASE OF PLUMBING EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT:



## DID YOU KNOW THAT OTSEGO LAKE IS DRINKING WATER?

Many residents around the watershed rely on Otsego Lake for clean, safe water for drinking, cooking, and bathing and many more still rely on it for swimming, boating, and fishing.

There are hundreds of private septic systems on properties around Otsego Lake. Keeping yours up-to-date is one way you can help protect the Lake. Underperforming septic systems can leak nutrients, pathogens and bacteria into the ground water or directly into the lake resulting in a variety of quality impairments, reduced recreational opportunities, and may be harmful to human and pet health.

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