

## THOMAS H. ERB & SONS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE

**Our trained technicians will provide you with a quality job**

The technicians from Erb's will arrive in their well maintained vacuum trucks to provide you with the courteous quality service you deserve.

The wastewater removed from your tank will be transported to a PA DEP approved disposal site. Our goal is to provide you with excellent service.

While on-site servicing your septic tank we will also inspect the inside of your septic tank, verifying that the baffles are in place, the tank is structurally sound, filters that may be mounted on the tank will be cleaned, and the tank will be checked to be sure it is working as it was originally intended to work.

If you choose to be placed in our management program we will send you a reminder when your tank needs serviced again and automatically fill out any township or regulatory forms that may be required.

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Septic System Repairs  
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## GUIDE TO SEPTIC SYSTEMS



### Sewage System Specialists

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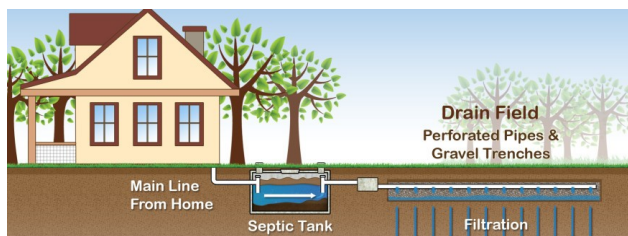
## UNDERSTANDING YOUR SYSTEM

### You can find your septic system by:

- Looking at the “as built” drawing for your home’s septic system, which you can request from your local township.
- Checking your yard for inspection caps, lids or manhole covers.
- Working with a septic system service provider, who can help locate the system.

### How does a septic system work?

1. All waste water runs out of your home from one main drainage pipe into a septic tank.
2. The septic tank is a buried, water-tight container. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough for solids to settle to the bottom (sludge) while the fats, oil and grease float to the top (scum).
3. For conventional septic systems, liquid wastewater exits the tank and is spread evenly throughout the drainfield, usually through a distribution box. Systems with more advanced treatment have an additional component between the septic tank and drainfield.
4. Once in the drainfield, the wastewater percolates into the soil, which reclaims the water for future reuse by naturally removing harmful bacteria, viruses, and some nutrients.

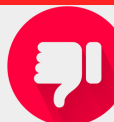


# SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

## DO'S & DON'TS



- Spread laundry washing over the week, rather than doing many loads on a single day.  
Recommended liquid detergent.
- Make a record of where the important parts of your system are located for future septic system maintenance.
- Have a professional septic pumping on regular basis & keep your records.
- Use water-saving showerheads and low-flush toilets. We recommend to use “NSF” seal toilet paper.
- Check siphons, pumps and other moving parts of your system regularly.
- Run water regularly in rarely used drains such as showers, tubs, sinks, etc.
- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal. This will reduce the amount of fats, grease and solids that enter your septic system and could clog your drainfield.



- Don't wait for signs of malfunction.
- Plant anything over the drain field except grass.
- Overload your system with high volumes of water.
- Allow large amounts of solvents, chemicals or fats to enter the system. Do not allow any plastics whatsoever to enter.
- Allow heavy equipment or vehicles to park or drive over the drain field. This can compact the soil and crush the piping.
- Think at the sink. Consider what you put into your toilet and sink. They might impact the system. Many common household items can either clog your system or kill the microbes that treat the wastewater.  
CLOGGERS: diapers, baby wipes, cat litter, cigarettes, coffee grounds, grease, bath bomb & feminine hygiene products.  
KILLERS: household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, anti-freeze, paint, etc.

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

### What else can I do to help maintain my system?

A typical septic system should be inspected every three to five years. The tank should be pumped as recommended by the service provider or as required by your township. Just like changing the oil in your car, preventive septic system maintenance will extend the life of your system for a small cost compared to the cost of replacing the system.

### What are the costs associated with the maintenance of a septic system?

Your home’s septic system should be inspected every three to five years as part of its routine maintenance and pumped as necessary depending on the results of the inspection. The service typically costs between \$250 to \$500. Maintenance costs are much more affordable compared to the expense of repairing or replacing a septic system, which can cost thousands to tens of thousands of dollars.

## CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE

### What else can I do to help maintain my system?

There are a few signs of a septic system malfunction. IF you discover any of these warning signs, call our office immediately.

*One call could save you thousands of dollars!*

- Wastewater backing up or gurgling into household drains.
- A strong odor around the septic tank or drainfield.
- Bright green, spongy grass appearing on the drainfield.

With proper care and maintenance, your septic system will serve your home for years to come.