

Well I've been doing these articles for well over a year now and am beginning to run out of new things to say about septic systems. I know you find that shocking since this is such an interesting and exciting thing to talk about! I can't remember the last dinner party I've attended that didn't have some stimulating septic system discussion.

However, I must confess my memory is not as good as it should be. Let's look at what's happening in our community that affects septic systems and their performance.

1. Many of our new residents have never lived with septic systems, so they may not understand its needs and how they work.
2. Younger families are coming in with children which increase the volumes going into the systems.
3. density of our community is increasing as more homes are built/remodeled and long vacant lots are being used up.
- 4 We are becoming more of a gated community than a weekend retreat resulting in 24/7 usage of the system.

What does this mean? It means we are putting more waste water in the ground in more places and some systems are trying to handle more than they were designed to handle. So for the next several articles, I will be talking about things you can do to reduce volumes going into your system and best ways to maintain them.

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awarded  
myself!!!}