



Do I need to use monthly or occasional additives (treatments) in my septic system to keep it working?

No. In fact, additives or treatments may do more harm to your system than good and even hasten system failure. Some states have banned their use altogether.

- Additives do not eliminate the need for **regularly pumping** and **maintaining your septic tank**, despite some advertising claims. Some products may simply push solids, grease, and scum in your tank out into the drainfield - where they can cause the most damage by clogging up the air spaces around gravel and soil particles and slowing and eventually stopping the cleansing of wastewater.
- Biological additives are not needed to restore a septic tank's bacterial balance, since bacteria already reside in human feces.
- Contrary to myth, never add yeast, dead animals or raw meat to your tank.
- Never add chemical additives, such as caustic hydroxides and sulfuric acid - they destroy the tank's bacteria, change the ability of the drainfield to absorb or

treat liquids, and may even contaminate water below ground.