



# Get Pumped on Septic!

## Do I Have A Septic System?

If you don't have a sewer charge on your water bill, you likely have a septic system. Still not sure?

Contact your local county health department.

Call **404.657.6534** or go to **[www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov)** for more information.

## Proper Maintenance of Your Septic System Is Important

Have your septic system inspected at least every three years by a certified septic tank contractor to evaluate the system and determine if the tank needs pumping. Periodic pumping of your septic tank will keep your system working properly. If you don't maintain your system properly, a buildup of solids can, and eventually does, lead to failure of the system leaving a very unpleasant and expensive problem for you and pollution problem for your community. Just because your system seems to be functioning properly, doesn't mean you can neglect it.



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## Septic System Maintenance Tips:

Use these tips to avoid costly repairs, damage to your property and being a source of water pollution for nearby rivers, lakes and streams.

- After a few years, the solids that accumulate in the septic tank should be pumped out and disposed of at an approved location. Doing so will reduce the likelihood of an expensive and unpleasant system failure.
- Have your septic system inspected at least every three years by a certified septic tank contractor to determine if pumping is needed.
- Flush only human waste and toilet paper down the toilet!
- Avoid overloading your septic system by reducing the amount of water going through your system by taking shorter showers, running full loads of laundry and repairing leaks.
- Protect your leaching field. Never plant trees or vegetation other than turf grass over it. Direct downspouts or other drainage away from the septic tank and leaching field.

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