

## Helpful Tips to keep your septic system operating properly.

It is a common issue that the majority of septic systems currently in use are not performing their best. The presence of chemicals, bleaches, detergents, anti-bacterial cleaners inhibit the bacterial action within the septic system. This unfortunate consequence leads to the accumulation of solids in the septic tank, and some of these solids flow out and cause blockages in the drain field. Repairing or replacing a failed septic system can cost thousands of dollars.

**However, there is a solution and by following these few steps can save you money and help protect your septic system:**

- **Stop killing the biological action in your septic tank:** For your septic system to operate effectively, it heavily relies on the presence of bacteria. Unfortunately, numerous everyday household cleaning products, hand soaps, and detergents include anti-bacterial and anti-septic chemicals. These harsh substances disrupt the natural process taking place in your septic tank. It is advisable to refrain from using any cleaning products labeled as disinfectant, anti-bacterial, anti-septic, sanitizer or kills germs. Instead, opt for non-chlorine bleaches, cleaners and automatic dishwashing detergents as alternatives.
- **Check the baffles every 2-4 years:** Over the course of time, baffles may experience deterioration, wear, or damage. When the outlet baffle of your septic system becomes deteriorated, worn, or damaged, it can result in undigested waste flowing into your drain field and causing blockages in its drainage holes resulting in septic system failure.
- **Pump your tank regularly:** To ensure the optimal performance of your system, it is crucial to adopt routine maintenance habits like appropriate waste disposal, minimizing water usage, and regular septic tank pumping. Over time, undigested mineral residue/matter tends to accumulate at the tank's bottom, and if the levels get to high, it can seep into the drain field. By adhering to a pumping schedule of every 3-5 years will help avoid any problems. (Check with you state, county, or town's regulations on pumping frequency).
- By Regularly applying **Bio-Tab® for Septic Systems** as part of your maintenance routine, you can ensure that your septic system operates trouble-free for years to come.



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