**Homeowner Septic System Checklist**

**Septic System Description**
Contact your local authority if you don’t have this information.

- Date system installed
- Installer
- Phone
- Tank size
- Capacity
- Type [ ] conventional [ ] alternative (type)

**For more information about septic systems, contact:** [Clean Water starts at home](https://www.epa.gov/owm/onsite/)

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**
[www.epa.gov/owm/onsite/](http://www.epa.gov/owm/onsite/)

**Things to keep in mind:**
- Inspect your system (every 1 to 3 years) and pump your tank (as necessary, generally every 3 to 5 years).
- Use water efficiently.
- Don’t dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks and toilets.
- Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the drainfield.
- Don’t drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil in your drainfield or damage the pipes, tank, or other septic system components.

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**Septic System Maintenance Record**

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**Place on electrical box (fuse box) or other convenient location.**

**Cloggers**
diapers, cat litter, cigarette filters, coffee grounds, grease, feminine hygiene products, etc.

**Killers**
household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, etc.